

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2025-3055010 (water)
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	C-2025-3056056
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2025-3055943

v.

The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2025-3055011(wastewater)
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	C-2025-3056054
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2025-3055944

v.

The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2025-3055012 (stormwater)
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	C-2025-3056058
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2025-3055942

v.

The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority

Petition of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority for Authorization to Increase Water and Wastewater DSIC Charge Caps to 7.5%	:	P-2025-3055650 (water)
	:	P-2025-3055652 (wastewater)

Petition of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority for Waiver of Statutory Definition of Fully Projected Future Test Year	:	P-2025-3055587 (water)
	:	P-2025-3055588 (wastewater)
	:	P-2025-3055589 (stormwater)

AMENDED PREHEARING ORDER

History of the Proceeding

On June 4, 2025, Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority d/b/a Pittsburgh Water (Pittsburgh Water, PWSA, or the Authority) filed Tariff Water – PA P.U.C. No. 1, Supplement No. 16, Tariff Wastewater PA P.U.C. No. 1, Supplement No. 15 and Tariff Storm Water PA P.U.C. No. 1, Supplement No. 7 (collectively, Rate Filing) with the Commission. The Authority proposes a multi-year rate increases to produce additional overall revenues by approximately \$84 million over two years – an initial rate increase of \$63.7 million (an increase of 25.9%) in 2026 and another rate increase of \$20.7 million (6.7%) in 2027. Pittsburgh Water’s request for approval of multi-year rates increases is a request for approval of “alternative ratemaking” under Section 1330 of the Public Utility Code.

PWSA serves approximately 81,000 water customers, 29,000 wastewater customers, and 4,300 stormwater customers, primarily in the City of Pittsburgh, the Boroughs of Millvale, McKees Rocks, Sharpsburg, Swissvale, Wilkinsburg and Blawnox, and portions of Reserve, O’Hara, Ross, Penn Hills and Shaler Townships in Allegheny County. It provides wastewater service and stormwater service in the City of Pittsburgh. The Authority’s wastewater system is a collection and conveyance system only. It does not include treatment; wastewater is conveyed to the regional Allegheny County Sanitary Sewer Authority for treatment.

Also on June 4, 2025, the Authority filed four Petitions in conjunction with its base rate filing: (1) a Petition for Authorization to Increase Water and Wastewater Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC) Caps to 7.5% (DSIC Petition), docketed at P-2025-3055650 (water) and P-2025-3055652 (wastewater); (2) a Petition for Consolidation of Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Rate Proceedings and for Authorization to Use Combined Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Revenue Requirements (Consolidation Petition); (3) a Petition for Waiver of Statutory Definition of Fully Projected Future Test Year (FPFTY Petition) docketed at P-2025-3055587 (water), P-2025-30555878 (wastewater), and P-2025-3055589 (stormwater);

and (4) a Petition to Consolidate the DSIC Petition with Base Rate Filings for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater (DSIC Consolidation Petition).

On June 12, 2025, the Commission's Bureau of Investigation & Enforcement (I&E) filed a Notice of Appearance.

On June 12, 2025, the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) filed its Notice of Appearance, and on June 25, 2025, OSBA filed its Formal Complaints, Notice of Intervention, and Public Statement. The Formal Complaints filed by OSBA are docketed as follows: C-2025-3056056 (water), C-2025-3056054 (wastewater), and C-2025-3056058 (stormwater).

Also on June 25, 2025, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed Formal Complaints, Public Statement, and Notice of Appearance, and Pittsburgh United Out Water Table (Our Water Table or OWT) filed a Petition to Intervene and Answer. The Formal Complaints filed by OCSA are docketed as follows: C-2025-3055943 (water), C-2025-3055944 (wastewater), and C-2025-3055942 (stormwater).

On July 10, 2025, the Commission entered an Order pursuant to Section 1308(d) of the Public Utility Code in each of the three Rate Filing docket numbers, suspending each of PWSA's proposed Tariffs by operation of law until March 8, 2026; instituting an investigation to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the proposed and existing rates, rules, and regulations; and assigning the Rate Filing to the Office of Administrative Law Judge (OALJ) for the prompt scheduling of hearings as may be necessary culminating in the issuance of a recommended decision.

On July 10, 2025, the Telephonic Prehearing Conference Notice was issued in the Rate Filing, scheduling a Prehearing Conference for July 14, 2025, and the matter was assigned to the undersigned. Also on July 10, 2025, a Prehearing Conference Order was issued, which directed, *inter alia*, that parties file a Prehearing Memorandum by July 11, 2025.

On July 11, 2025, in accordance with the Prehearing Conference Order, Prehearing Memoranda were filed by PWSA, I&E, OCA, OSBA, and OWT.

On July 11, 2025, PWSA filed a Motion for Protective Order in the above-captioned proceedings pursuant to the provisions of 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.362(a) and 5.365. In its Motion, PWSA averred that it consulted the other parties and incorporated feedback, and none of the parties expressed an objection to the granting of Petitioner's Motion or the entry of its proposed Protective Order.

On July 14, 2025, a Prehearing Conference was held as scheduled. The following parties were represented by counsel: PWSA, I&E, OCA, OSBA, and OWT. The parties discussed a variety of matters, including PWSA's FPFTY Petition, PWSA's DSIC Petition, and its Petitions to consolidate the FPFTY Petition and DSIC Petition with the Rate Filing. As of the date of the Prehearing Conference, the FPFTY Petition and DSIC Petition were assigned to other bureaus of the Commission, not OALJ. No party objected to consolidating the FPFTY Petition or DSIC Petition with the Rate Filing. After the Prehearing Conference, OALJ requested the FPFTY Petition and DSIC Petition be reassigned to OALJ, and they were reassigned on July 16, 2025.

On July 16, 2025, the undersigneds granted PWSA's Motion for Protective Order and the Order was entered.

On July 24, 2025, the undersigneds issued an Interim Order granting PWSA's FPFTY Petition.

Also on July 24, 2025, the undersigneds issued a Prehearing Order. The Prehearing Order memorialized the matters discussed at the Prehearing Conference and granted the Authority's Consolidation Petition, consolidating the three R- dockets under Docket No. R-2025-3055010; granted the Authority's DSIC Consolidation Petition, consolidating Docket Nos. P-2025-3055650 (water) and P-2025-3055652 (wastewater) under R-2025-3055010; and consolidated the FPFTY Petition under R-2025-3055010. Additionally, the Prehearing Order set forth the litigation schedule and addressed various issues, including, *inter alia*, public input

hearings, discovery, settlement, stipulations, cross examination, briefs, and modification of the Prehearing Order.

Amendment to the Prehearing Order

The Prehearing Order indicated if a party served testimony, work papers, briefs, settlement petitions, or statements in support upon the Presiding ALJs, the party must also serve a copy upon the ALJs' technical advisors, and the advisors and their email addresses were listed in the Order.

Subsequent to the issuance of the Prehearing Order, the Bureau of Audits indicated Derek Vandervort would no longer be available to assist with this matter, and he would be replaced by Porus Irani. The parties are directed to serve any testimony, work papers, briefs, settlement petitions, or statements in support upon the Presiding ALJs to Porus Irani at pirani@pa.gov instead of Derek Vandervort. The list of technical advisors in the Prehearing Order has not changed aside from the replacement of Derek Vandervort with Porus Irani. For the convenience of the parties, the current technical advisors, to include Mr. Irani, are listed below:

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The Prehearing Order remains unchanged aside from this amendment to the identity of the technical advisors.

Date: July 29, 2025

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Administrative Law Judge

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