

**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)

INTERIM ORDER
ATTACHING EX PARTE EMAIL TO RECORD

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.

On July 30, 2025, the undersigned’s office received correspondence via email from an individual, Raymond S. Eichenmuller, attached to this Order as **Attachment A**, that expressed concerns about PWSA’s rate filing. Mr. Eichenmuller did not copy PWSA or any other party to this proceeding on his email. Therefore, it is necessary to attach this email to the record and serve it on the parties to cure the *ex parte* nature of the correspondence.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Raymond S. Eichenmuller’s email dated July 30, 2025, attached to this Order as **Attachment A**, is hereby attached to the hearing record in this case at Docket Number R-2025-3055010 et. al.

Date: August 5, 2025

/s/
Emily I. DeVoe
Administrative Law Judge

/s/
Ann Quimby
Administrative Law Judge

Loukas, Kayla

From: Loukas, Kayla <kloukas@pa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2025 11:33 AM
To: Spunaugle, Shirley A
Cc: DeVoe, Emily; Quimby, Ann
Subject: R-2025-3055010 et al.

Hi Shirley,

Thank you for your help again this morning. Below is the email I received. This is a public comment for R-2025-3055010 et al. Please let me know if there is anything else I need to do.

Thank you,
Kayla

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From: Raymond Eichenmuller <eichenmu@aol.com>
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Subject: [External] Pittsburgh Water Increase

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Good Morning,

Though unable to attend your two public hearings, I just want to express my concern for the almost annual increases awarded to Pittsburgh Water. I do understand that after many years of neglect, that at first many of these increases were warranted. Presently it seems to me that modest inflationary increases would make sense, yet every couple of years the double digit increases have become expected by this public concern. This has to be curtailed. Everyone would like in their own lives to receive yearly increases to their way of living as Pittsburgh Water has garnered over the past decade.

Sincerely,

Raymond S Eichenmuller
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Sent from my iPad

R-2025-3055010, C-2025-3056056, C-2025-3055943 – PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION, OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE, OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE v. THE PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY (WATER); R-2025-3055011, C-2025-3056054, C-2025-3055944 - PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION, OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE, OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE v. THE PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY (WASTEWATER); R-2025-3055012, C-2025-3056058, C-2025-3055942 - PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION, OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE, OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE v. THE PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY (STORMWATER); P-2025-305650 (WATER), P-2025-3055652 (WASTEWATER) PETITION OF THE PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY FOR AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE WATER AND WASTEWATER DSIC CHARGE CAPS TO 7.5%; P-2025-3055587 (WATER), P-2025-3055588 (WASTEWATER), P-2025-3055589 (STORMWATER) – PETITION OF THE PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY FOR WAIVER OF STATUTORY DEFINITION OF FULLY PROJECTED FUTURE TEST YEAR

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