

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of Newtown Artesian Water	:	
Company for Approval of Its Lead	:	P-2023-3041859
Service Line Replacement Program and	:	
Related Tariff Changes	:	

ORDER

On November 21, 2023, Newtown Artesian Water Company (NAWC) filed a Petition with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) for approval of its lead service line replacement program (LSLR Program) and related tariff changes pursuant to Section 1311(b)(2) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S.A. §1311(b)(2); and Section 65.54 of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations.

On August 11, 2023, the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA), through its counsel, filed a Notice of Intervention in this matter.

On February 5, 2024, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), through its counsel, filed a Notice of Intervention in this matter.

By Notice dated February 22, 2024, an Initial Call-In Telephonic Prehearing Conference was scheduled for April 24, 2024, and the matter was assigned to me.

A Prehearing Conference Order was issued on April 8, 2024, advising the parties of the date and time of the scheduled prehearing conference and directing the submission of prehearing memoranda.

On April 19, 2024, in accordance with the Prehearing Conference Order, NAWC, the OCA, and the OSBA submitted prehearing memoranda.

A prehearing conference was held on April 24, 2024. Counsel for NAWC, the OCA, and the OSBA participated.

During the prehearing conference, all parties agreed to set a hearing date for September 5, 2024, while they continue to work towards a settlement.

By Initial Telephonic Hearings Notice dated May 1, 2024, Initial Call-In Telephonic Hearings were scheduled for September 5-6, 2024.

On September 3, 2024, Counsel for all parties advised that the hearings scheduled for September 5-6, 2024, were no longer necessary in order to continue with ongoing settlement discussions.

By Hearing Cancellation Notice dated September 4, 2024, the Hearings scheduled for September 5-6, 2024, were cancelled.

On December 16, 2024, I issued an Order directing Status Reports be filed with the Commission every thirty (30) days.

On September 16, 2025, Counsel for NAWC advised that their original estimates of unknown customer lead service lines (LSL) has changed significantly due to a change of its inventory specialist vendor. Counsel requested an additional 6 months to analyze its LSL inventory. OCA and OSBA do not object to this request.

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1.15(b), I find good cause shown to grant NAWC's request at this time.

However, all parties should be aware that this Petition cannot be continued indefinitely. According to Counsel for NAWC, they have been aware of the change in estimates of the unknown customer service lines since October of 2024. Thus, an in-person hearing in this matter shall be scheduled for 6 months from now. All parties are encouraged to pursue a settlement of this matter or be prepared to present their case at that time. No further continuances will be granted absent extraordinary circumstances.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the request of Newtown Artesian Water Company for an additional 6 months to analyze its customer lead service line (LSL) inventory and evaluate the LSL replacement schedule submitted in its original Petition for approval of its LSLR Program is granted.
2. That Newtown Artesian Water Company shall continue to file a status report with the Secretary of the Commission, copying all parties and myself, every thirty (30) days.
3. That the scheduling staff of the Office of Administrative Law Judge shall schedule this matter for an in-person hearing a minimum of six (6) months from now and notify the parties in writing.
4. That no further continuances shall be granted absent a showing of extraordinary circumstances.

Date: October 1, 2025

/s/
F. Joseph Brady
Administrative Law Judge

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