

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2025-3053442
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2025-3055746
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	C-2025-3055824
Amy Nichols	:	C-2025-3056183
Kris Robertson	:	C-2025-3056377
Michael & Debra D'Angelo	:	C-2025-3056282
Katelyn Mooneyhan	:	C-2025-3056403
Gary Freedman	:	C-2025-3056782

v.

The York Water Company - Water

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2025-3053573
Office of Consumer Advocate	:	C-2025-3055747
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	C-2025-3055827
Cheryl Hoffman	:	C-2025-3055800
Brad S. Bock	:	C-2025-3056196
Russell Hudson	:	C-2025-3056217
Sarah Flemming	:	C-2025-3056115
Daniel O'Connor	:	C-2025-3056049
Eric Conrad	:	C-2025-3056050
Edward Madalis	:	C-2025-3056157
Sheri Stein	:	C-2025-3056225
Elizabeth Tetter	:	C-2025-3056284
Michael & Debra D'Angelo	:	C-2025-3056281
George McClellan Bentzel	:	C-2025-3056272

v.

The York Water Company - Wastewater

BRIEFING AND SETTLEMENT ORDER

On May 30, 2025, the York Water Company and the York Water Company – Wastewater Division (collectively, York Water or the Company) filed Supplement No. 165 to Tariff Water-Pa. P.U.C. No. 14 and Supplement No. 26 to Tariff Wastewater-Pa. P.U.C. No. 1,

respectively, to become effective August 1, 2025. The Company proposes to increase water service rates to produce additional annual revenues of approximately \$20.3 million. The Company additionally proposes to increase wastewater rates to produce additional annual revenues of approximately \$3.8 million.

York Water serves approximately 73,100 water customers and 6,700 wastewater customers. The Company provides water service and wastewater service in parts of York, Adams, Franklin, and Lancaster Counties, Pennsylvania.

On June 5, 2025, the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E) filed a Notice of Appearance.

On June 11, 2025, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a Formal Complaint, Public Statement, and Notice of Appearance.

On June 12, 2025, the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) filed a Notice of Appearance. On June 18, 2025, OSBA filed a Formal Complaint and Public Statement.

Also on June 18, 2025, York Water was served with a Complaint filed by Cheryl Hoffman regarding the proposed wastewater rate increase.

On July 2, 2025, York Water was served with Complaints filed by Daniel O'Connor and Eric Conrad, respectively, regarding the proposed wastewater rate increase.

On July 7, 2025, York Water was served with a Complaint filed by Sarah Flemming regarding the proposed wastewater rate increase.

On July 9, 2025, York Water was served with a Complaint filed by Edward Madalis regarding the proposed wastewater rate increase, a Complaint filed by Amy Nichols regarding the proposed water rate increase, and a Complaint filed by Brad Bock regarding the proposed wastewater rate increase.

On July 10, 2025, the Commission issued Orders that initiated an investigation into the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the proposed rate increases in the Company's water and wastewater filings in addition to the Company's existing rates, rules, and regulations, assigned this matter to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for further proceedings as appropriate, and suspended the effective date of the tariff until March 1, 2026.

Also on July 10, 2025, York Water was served with Complaints by Sheri Stein and Russell Hudson, respectively, regarding the proposed wastewater rate increase.

On July 14, 2025, a Telephonic Prehearing Conference Notice was issued, scheduling a prehearing conference for July 22, 2025, at 10:00 AM. A Prehearing Conference Order was also issued, directing parties to file Prehearing Memoranda by July 18, 2025.

Also on July 14, 2025, York Water was served with a Complaint filed by George Bentzel, IV regarding the proposed wastewater rate increase.

On July 15, 2025, York Water was served with two Complaints filed by Michael and Debra D'Angelo regarding the proposed water and wastewater rate increases. Also, York Water was served with a Complaint by Elizabeth Tetter regarding the proposed wastewater rate increase.

On July 21, 2025, York Water was served with a Complaint filed by Kris Robertson regarding the proposed water rate increase.

On July 22, 2025, the Presiding Officers convened the telephonic prehearing conference as scheduled, at which the following parties participated: on behalf of York Water, Devin T. Ryan, Esquire and Alice Wade, Esquire; on behalf of the OCA, Jacob Guthrie, Esquire and Katherine Kennedy, Esquire; on behalf of I&E, Carrie Wright, Esquire; on behalf of the OSBA, Rebecca Lyttle, Esquire.

The following Formal Complainants participated, and each indicated the desire to be considered an inactive party: Amy Nichols, Cheryl Hoffman, Brad Bock, Russel Hudson, Daniel O'Connor, Edward Madalis, and Sheri Stein.

On July 23, 2025, we issued Prehearing Order #1 for the proceedings at Docket Nos. R-2025- 3053442 and R-2025-3053573 establishing the litigation schedule.

Also on July 23, 2025, York Water was served with a Complaint filed by Katelyn Mooneyhan regarding the proposed water rate increase.

On July 28, 2025, the Commission issued an in-person evidentiary hearings notice for hearings to be held on October 14, 2025 and October 15, 2025.

On July 31, 2025, the Commission issued notice of in-person and telephonic public input hearings to be held on August 26, 2025 and August 27, 2025.

On August 11, 2025, York Water was served with a Complaint filed by Gary Freedman regarding the proposed water rate increase.

On August 26, 2025, we held two in-person public input hearings at the York County Office Building. Several members of the public attended and testified at both hearings.

On August 27, 2025, we held two telephonic public input hearings. Several members of the public attended and testified at both hearings.

On October 10, 2025, York Water filed a Motion for Protective Order.

On October 14, 2025, the evidentiary hearing convened as scheduled. During the hearing, the following occurred: York Water, I&E, OCA, and OSBA moved for the admission of their pre-served testimony and exhibits into the record; all parties waived cross-examination of all witnesses; and we discussed various housekeeping matters. Included in those

housekeeping matters, we provided instructions to the parties regarding any potential settlement, and reminded the parties that briefs must be filed according to the schedule established in Prehearing Order #1. We further advised the parties of our intent to issue a subsequent briefing and settlement order.

As we accomplished all necessary tasks during the first day of scheduled hearings, we cancelled the evidentiary hearing scheduled for October 15, 2025.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That, if parties finalize a settlement, a Joint Petition for Settlement shall be filed by Wednesday, October 29, 2025;
2. That the Joint Petition for Settlement shall be accompanied by Statements in Support from each party joining the Joint Petition for Settlement;
3. That the Statements in Support shall include cites to the evidentiary record in support of the Joint Petition for Settlement;
4. That the Joint Petition for Settlement shall be served on any active party not joining the settlement and the inactive Complainants to this proceeding;
5. That, if a Joint Petition for Settlement is filed, inactive Complainants or any active party not joining the settlement shall have until November 10, 2025, to file with the Commission any comments or objections to any settlement. A copy of the comments or

objections should also be served on the undersigned Administrative Law Judges, York Water Company, the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and the Office of Small Business Advocate;

6. That, if a Joint Petition for Settlement is filed, a conspicuous notice shall be placed on the first page of any settlement notifying any active party not joining the settlement and the inactive Complainants they have until November 10, 2025 to file comments or objections;

7. That a Joint Petition for Settlement clearly addresses the issues raised by the public input hearings;

8. That if a Joint Petition for Settlement is not filed, parties shall file Main Briefs and Reply Briefs;

9. That if a Joint Petition for Settlement reflects anything less than a full settlement of all issues among all active parties, parties shall file Main Briefs and Reply Briefs regarding the remaining issues in dispute;

10. That Main Briefs are due on or before Wednesday, October 29, 2025;

11. That Reply Briefs are due on or before Monday, November 10, 2025;

12. That Main Briefs may not exceed 125 pages in length;

13. That Reply Briefs may not exceed 75 pages in length;

14. That the briefs must substantially comply with the Commission's regulations at 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.501, 5.502;

15. That the briefs must contain: (a) a concise statement or counter-statement of the case; (b) an argument, with sufficient citations to record evidence, preceded by a summary; and (c) a conclusion with requested relief;

16. That Main Briefs shall include (a) proposed Findings of Fact, together with page references to statements of testimony and exhibits; (b) proposed Conclusions of Law, together with legal citations and (c) proposed Ordering Paragraphs;

17. That proposed Findings of Fact, proposed Conclusions of Law, and proposed Ordering Paragraphs do not count towards the 125-page limit for Main Briefs;

18. That all parties must use a common outline for Main and Reply Briefs;

19. That all parties must complete the Excel tables that will be provided separately by e-mail, and submit the tables along with the Main Briefs;

20. That if a party submits a brief containing confidential information, the party must submit two versions of the brief: (1) one version conspicuously marked as containing confidential information, only to be served to the ALJs and those active parties that have executed an agreement and/or protective order appendix on the treatment of confidential information; and (2) a second, public version with all confidential information redacted. Briefs may not include Confidential Security Information unless a party receives prior permission from the ALJs. When filing a brief containing confidential information, parties must clearly indicate to the Commission's Secretary's Bureau that the brief contains confidential information to ensure that the brief is not published on the Commission's website, and to ensure that it is appropriately filed;

21. That the parties shall file the original copy of the Main Brief with the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date due;

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