

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Tirlochan S. Walia	:	
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v.	:	C-2022-3032572
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Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority	:	

**INTERIM ORDER
ATTACHING COMPLAINANT’S REPLY BRIEF TO
AND CLOSING HEARING RECORD**

An evidentiary hearing was held on September 11, 2025. Both Complainant and counsel for the Company were present. At the conclusion of the hearing, I set a deadline for the parties to file main briefs (September 25, 2025) and reply briefs (October 9, 2025).

On September 23, 2025, counsel for the Company emailed me advising that the transcript for the September 11, 2025 hearing had not yet been filed, and requesting an extension of the briefing deadlines so the Company would be able to refer to the transcript in its brief.

On September 24, 2025, Complainant filed his main brief/closing statement.

By Interim Order dated September 25, 2025, I granted the Company’s request, extending the deadline for main briefs to October 2, 2025, and extending the deadline for reply briefs to October 16, 2025.

On October 2, 2025, PWSA filed its main brief.

On October 16, 2025, PWSA filed a letter in lieu of a reply brief.

On October 21, 2025, the Commission received Complainant's reply brief/closing statement. Although the correspondence was received October 21, 2025, it was post-marked October 16, 2025. Therefore, I am treating it as timely filed.

As of the date of this Order, the reply brief/closing statement was not yet filed in the Commission's online docketing system, therefore, it is attached to this Order and shall be attached to the record in this matter.

As both parties' main and reply briefs have been received by the Commission and are now attached to the record, the record is now closed.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

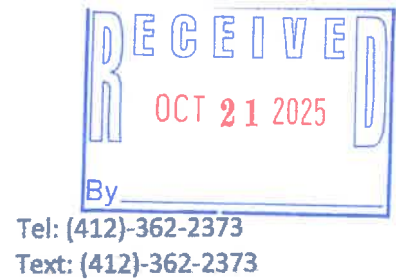
1. That the record at Trilochan S. Walia v. Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority docketed at Docket No. F-2022-3032572 is closed.
2. That an Initial Decision shall be issued in forthwith.

Date: October 22, 2025

_____/s/
Emily I. DeVoe
Administrative Law Judge

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Dated: October 15, 2025

Ref: Docket F-2022-3032572. Tirlochan S. Walia v. Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority.
Subject: Telephone Hearing 09-11-2025 — **Closing Statement (Reply Brief)**.

Dear Secretary Homsher,

At the 9-11-25 hearing ALJ set a deadline of 9-25-25 for filing closing statements. Accordingly, I mailed my closing statement (main brief) on 9-22-25.

On 9-23-25 I received a 'detailed' voice-mail, (**stamped, not accessed, 4:31 p.m.**), from Ms. Burge indicating her intention to seek one week extension for filing her closing statement.

The e-mail (copy enclosed) sent by Ms. Burge to the ALJ DeVoe is dated 9-23-25, **stamped 5:06 p.m.**

Ms. Burge waited all of 35 minutes for 'but have not yet received a response' to a 'detailed' voice-mail.

On 9-25-25 ALJ issued an Interim Order extending the deadline for initial brief to October 2, 2025.

Since my mailing of 9-22-25 had to be, and was, copied to Ms. Burge, the extension gave Ms. Burge an unintended but nevertheless an undue advantage in her response.

Above said is simply a 'statement of facts' and should not in anyway be construed as commentary on the Interim Order of 9-25-25.

THE OALJ AND THE COMMISSION MAY DRAW THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS FROM THESE FACTS.

B) The relatively voluminous bulked-up contortions, the PWSA **Main Brief** dated Oct 2, 2025 notwithstanding, all the past OPINION AND ORDERS are **still** full force valid. Particular attention is drawn to the OPINION AND ORDER, dated April 20, 2023.

The 'Brief' devotes considerable time and space in resurrecting settled 'Burden of Proof':
'.....Based upon examination of the billing data supplied by PWSA, we cannot agree with the ALJ that the Complainant has failed to carry his burden of proving PWSA's Commission-approved is no longer reasonable or has been applied unreasonably.....it appears as if Mr. Walia may not have been billed in accordance with terms of the tariff¹. For further elaboration see section (B) of my 'Closing Statement' (main brief), dated September 22, 2025.

C) It should come as a surprise (shock) to the OALJ and the Commission that PWSA **does claim an overriding superior** reading of the Tariff — superior to that of the **COMMISSION** (I, as an outsider, am speechless-flabbergasted). This is not politics. A LIE no matter how often repeated or how much space devoted to it, is still a LIE. What is it in the 'We note that this

is not in the tariff that the PWSA finds incomprehensible or open to interpretation? Since, professional temperate language of the Commission has failed to register with the PWSA, let me state as emphatically as permissible:

THE PUC APPROVED TARIFF HAS NO (NADA) PROVISION FOR 'ROLLOVER'. 'ROLLOVER' IS ANETHMA TO ACCOUNTING, IT DEFIES AND DEFILES THE UNIVERSAL BASIC TENET (NOT PRINCIPLE) OF ACCOUNTING, VIZ., THE COST/REVENUE IS TO BE RECKONED IN THE PERIOD INCURRED/GENERATED, PERIOD.

THE PUC APPROVED TARIFF HAS NO (NADA) PROVISION OR EVEN MENTION FOR USAGE BEING MEASURED IN BLOCKS OF 1,000 GALLON, PERIOD. 'CHARGE' AND 'MEASURE' ARE NOT SYNONYMS.

D) If, the '*Believe it or Not*' absurdity that a difference of 0.1 gallon in meter reading results in billing of additional 1,000 gallons does not evidence 'conceptual bankruptcy' of the parameters and logic underpinning this billing system, nothing will. (see p15 of the above mentioned O&O).

Date	Time	Meter Reading in Gallons
2/14/2022	21:00	5036.2
1/13/2022	21:00	3999.9 ²
Calculated Usage based on meter readings	1036.3	

Sincerely,



Enclsr.

COPY: Hon. Emily I. DeVoe. ALJ. Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Pittsburgh.
Lauren M. Burge, Esqr. Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellot, LLC. Pittsburgh.

¹OPINION AND ORDER, dated April 20, 2023, p 14.

²As explained at the 11-30-23 hearing, had this meter reading been 4,000.0 instead of 3,999.9, a difference of 0.1 gallon, the PWSA billing would have been for 1,000 gallon instead of the actual billing for 2,000 gallon.

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Good afternoon, Judge DeVoe,

During the September 11, 2025 hearing in the above matter, the parties were directed to file Main Briefs by September 25, 2025, and Reply Briefs by October 9, 2025. Pittsburgh Water plans to cite its testimony from the September 11 hearing in its Main Brief; however, it has come to my attention that the transcript of the September 11 hearing is not yet available.

To address this, Pittsburgh Water respectfully requests a short extension of one week to the briefing schedule. This will allow time for us to receive a copy of the transcript and incorporate it into our brief. This proposal would make the Main Brief due on October 2, 2025 and the Reply Brief due on October 16, 2025.

I called Mr. Walia today about the proposed extension and left a detailed voicemail explaining the request but have not yet received a response. I will provide an update if I hear back from Mr. Walia with his position on this request.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Lauren Burge

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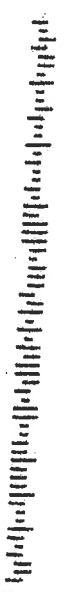
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