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RE: Columbia Water Company Supplement No. 133 To Tariff – Water Pa. P.U.C. No. 7 at  
Docket No. R-2025-3057874

Dear Attorney Snyder:

On October 8, 2025, Columbia Water Company (Columbia Water) filed the above-captioned document (Supplement No. 133) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission). For the Commission to complete its analysis of the filing, please respond with the information requested in the attached document.

Please forward the information to the Secretary of the Commission at the address listed below **within ten (10) business days** from the date of this letter. All documents requiring notary stamps must have original signatures. The Commission strongly encourages submission through efilings with the Secretary of the Commission by opening an efilings account through the Commission website and accepting eservice at <https://efiling.puc.pa.gov>. The Commission is accepting all public documents through our efilings system at this time.

If your filing contains confidential material, you are required to either file by overnight delivery or submit to the Secretary's Share Point File system to ensure the timely filing of your submission. Filers should contact the Secretary's Bureau in advance to gain access to the Share Point File system. Make sure to reference the Docket Number listed above when filing your response. The overnight address for hard-copy or confidential responses is:

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Please note your answers must be verified per 52 Pa. Code § 1.36. Accordingly, you must provide the following statement with your responses:

I, [print name of appropriate company representative], hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact the below staff person if any problems should arise that prevent a full response within ten business days or if any clarification of these data requests is needed. Please mark the materials “CONFIDENTIAL” in bold or highlighted manner if any of the requested information is deemed to be of a confidential nature.

In addition, to expedite completion of the review, please send a copy of the response to Paul Zander, in the Water/Wastewater Section of the Bureau of Technical Utility Services via e-mail at [pzander@pa.gov](mailto:pzander@pa.gov). Please also direct any questions to Paul Zander at telephone number (717) 783-1372. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Matthew L. Homsher  
Secretary

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## TUS Data Request Set 1

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Note: Please restate the data request prior to providing a response. In addition, provide the name and title of the person(s) providing the response and/or information for each data request.

- R-1. 52 Pa. Code § 53.52(b)(2) requires an operating income statement of a utility for a 12-month period, the end of which may not be more than 120 days prior to a filing. However, Columbia Water’s response to 52 Pa. Code § 53.52(b)(2) provided an operating income statement for the eight months from January 2025 to August 2025. Please provide an operating income statement for a 12-month period, the end of which may not be more than 120 days prior to Supplement No. 133’s filing date.
- R-2. 52 Pa. Code § 53.52(c) requires certain additional information if Supplement No. 133 will increase the bills of 5% or more of Columbia Water’s customers. Columbia Water’s response to 52 Pa. Code § 53.52(b)(4) indicated that Supplement No. 133 will increase the bills of more than 5% of Columbia Water’s customers. Please provide distinct statements for each information requirement under 52 Pa. Code § 53.52(c)(1)-(6).
- R-3. Ordering Paragraph 3 of the Commission’s Order entered May 23, 2019, at Docket No. R-2019-3008417 (May 2019 Order) indicated that Columbia Water must provide customers with a customer notice whenever Columbia Water files a tariff supplement that proposes to increase its Pennvest Surcharge (PVS) outside of a general rate increase filing. This customer notice must indicate the impact of the proposed increase on an average customer in each customer class, and Columbia Water must certify its compliance with this directive upon completion of notice requirements. Columbia Water’s response to 52 Pa. Code § 53.52(b)(4) specified that Supplement No. 133 is not a general rate increase. However, it does not appear that the customer notice included in Columbia Water’s response to 52 Pa. Code § 53.52(a)(10) indicated the impact of the proposed increase on an average customer in each customer class. For example, for Columbia Water’s most recent PVS filing with the Commission at Docket No. R-2022-3036936, Columbia Water’s customer notice provided in supplemental information filed with the Commission at that docket on December 28, 2022, included Columbia Water’s illustration of the impact of Supplement No. 117 To Tariff – Water Pa. P.U.C. No. 7 (Supplement No. 117) on an average customer in each customer class. Please provide responses for each of the following:
- a. Provide a copy of the public notice for proposed changes that conforms with the requirements of Ordering Paragraph 3 of the May 2019 Order, including a customer notice that indicates the impact of the proposed increase on an average customer in each customer class;
  - b. Identify the number of EDUs that Columbia Water used to indicate the impact of the proposed increase on an average customer in each customer class and explain why this number of EDUs was used (e.g., for all residential customers, Columbia Water used 1 EDU to indicate the impact of the proposed increase since 1 EDU aligns with the mean, median, and/or mode EDU value for residential customer bills, etc.); and

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- c. Provide evidence that Columbia Water filed an affidavit with the Commission confirming that public notice of proposed changes has been given in the manner directed by the Commission.
- R-4. Columbia Water’s supporting materials for Supplement No. 117, Appendix B included an amortization schedule for Loan 85152 that indicated a current monthly payment of \$18,506.31. However, Columbia Water’s supporting data for Supplement No. 133 (Supporting Data), Appendix A included an amortization schedule for Loan 85182 that indicated that Columbia Water decreased its monthly payment for Loan 85182 from \$18,506.31, starting May 2023 and ending November 2023, to \$18,307.03, starting December 2023. Please explain this apparent discrepancy in Loan 85182’s monthly payment amount.
- R-5. Page 5A of Columbia Water’s effective tariff requires Columbia Water to recalculate its PVS in a Section 1308 filing made within 60 days of a material change to PI or EDUs, where a material change is a change that would result in a cumulative increase or decrease in the currently-approved PVS of 1.5% or more. Also, supporting materials for Supplement No. 117 filed with the Commission at Docket No. R-2022-3036936 identified a Pennvest payment amount of \$109,010.17/month (i.e., an annual PI of \$1,308,122.04), 11,248 EDUs as of October 31, 2022, and a resulting PVS of \$9.69/EDU/month ( $\$109,010.17/\text{month} / 11,248 \text{ EDUs} = \$9.69/\text{EDU}/\text{month}$ ). However, Supplement No. 133’s Supporting Data, Appendix D identified 11,449 EDUs as of August 31, 2025. Therefore, it appears that Columbia Water experienced a material change due to EDU increases that occurred between October 31, 2022, and August 31, 2025 (i.e.,  $\$109,010.17/\text{month} / 11,449 \text{ EDUs} = \$9.52/\text{EDU}/\text{month}$ , and  $[\$9.52/\text{EDU}/\text{month} - \$9.69/\text{EDU}/\text{month}] / \$9.69/\text{EDU}/\text{month} = -1.75\%$ , or a cumulative decrease of more than 1.5%). In addition, Supplement No. 133’s Supporting Data, Appendix A included an amortization schedule for Loan 85182 that indicated that Columbia Water decreased its monthly payments for Loan 85182 from \$18,506.31 to \$18,307.03 starting December 2023. Please provide responses for each of the following:
- a. Specify each date between October 31, 2022, to October 4, 2025 (i.e., 120 days before Supplement No. 133’s effective date) that Columbia Water experienced a material change that required a Section 1308 PVS rate recalculation under Columbia Water’s tariff and provide PVS, PI and EDU values as of each date;
  - b. Quantify the incremental PVS revenue that Columbia Water charged Columbia rate district (Columbia Division) customers under its effective tariff compared with the amount Columbia Water would have collected under each recalculated PVS rate identified in Data Request R-5.a., assuming that each PVS rate recalculation would be effective 120 days from each date identified in Data Request R-5.a. (i.e., a Section 1308 filing made 60 days after a material change and effective upon 60 days’ notice); and

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- c. Explain how Columbia Water will use, or return to customers, the incremental PVS revenue identified in Data Request R-5.b.
- R-6. Please explain how Columbia Water will monitor Columbia Division EDU data to determine whether there has been a material change that requires Columbia Water to make a Section 1308 filing with the Commission for the Columbia Division (e.g., Columbia Water will review Columbia Division EDU data monthly to determine whether a material change has occurred, etc.).
- R-7. Please quantify the minimum increase or decrease from the Columbia Division’s proposed PVS that would require Columbia Water to make a Section 1308 filing with the Commission for the Columbia Division’s PVS (e.g., a change of at least \$0.15/EDU/month from the proposed Columbia Division PVS of \$9.89/EDU/month would be a material change).
- R-8. Please explain how Columbia Water will monitor Marietta rate district (Marietta Division) EDU data to determine whether there has been a material change that requires Columbia Water to make a Section 1308 filing with the Commission for the Marietta Division (e.g., Columbia Water will review Marietta Division EDU data monthly to determine whether a material change has occurred, etc.).
- R-9. Please quantify the minimum increase or decrease from the Marietta Division’s proposed PVS that would require Columbia Water to make a Section 1308 filing with the Commission for the Marietta Division’s PVS (e.g., a change of at least \$0.01/EDU/month from the proposed Marietta Division PVS of \$0.32/EDU/month would be a material change).
- R-10. Please explain how Columbia Water will monitor East Donegal rate district (East Donegal Division) EDU data to determine whether there has been a material change that requires Columbia Water to make a Section 1308 filing with the Commission for the East Donegal Division (e.g., Columbia Water will review East Donegal Division EDU data every month that follows a quarterly billing period to determine whether a material change has occurred, etc.).
- R-11. Please quantify the minimum increase or decrease from the East Donegal Division’s proposed PVS that would require Columbia Water to make a Section 1308 filing with the Commission for the East Donegal Division’s PVS (e.g., a change of at least \$0.04/EDU/quarter from the proposed East Donegal Division PVS of \$2.61/EDU/quarter would be a material change).
- R-12. Columbia Water’s proof of revenue filed with the Commission on January 25, 2024, at Docket No. R-2023-3040258 identified 72 bills/year for Marietta Division residential customers with three-inch meters, or approximately six customers, and approximately two Marietta Division industrial customers, one with a two-inch meter and one with a six-inch meter. However, Supplement No. 133’s Supporting Data, Appendix D did not

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identify any value for residential customers with three-inch meters and did not identify any industrial customers. Please explain this apparent discrepancy and provide revised Appendices D and F workpapers for the Marietta Division to provide any necessary data corrections, including to identify the current number of Marietta Division residential customers with three-inch meters (i.e., “0” if there are no customers or a corrected current number).

- R-13. In supplemental information filed with the Commission for Columbia Water’s Application to acquire the water system assets of East Donegal Township Municipal Authority (East Donegal System) at Docket No. A-2021-3027134, Columbia Water’s response to Data Request A-36 identified that the East Donegal System included approximately 27 private fire protection connections, including one two-inch fire service line, three four-inch fire service lines, three six-inch fire service lines, and 20 private fire hydrants. However, Supplement No. 133’s Supporting Data, Appendix D included combined data for the Private Fire Service and Farm customer classes that only included three customers and that did not include any meter or service line pipe diameters larger than one inch. Please explain this apparent discrepancy.
- R-14. Please reconfirm the number of East Donegal Division fire service lines and fire hydrants by meter size and, for customers that receive unmetered service, by service line pipe diameter.
- R-15. Please provide revised Appendices D and F workpapers for the East Donegal Division to separately identify data for Columbia Water’s Private Fire Protection and Farm customer classes and to provide updated equivalent dwelling unit and PVS calculations that include East Donegal Division fire service lines and fire hydrants.