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November 4, 2025

RE: Docket No. C-2025-3056049 York Water Co. (YWC) Wastewater
Rate Proceeding

Dear Mr. Hornsher:

I would like to formally express my objection to the proposed settlement regarding the above referenced complaint concerning the proposed partial settlement in the York Water Company wastewater rate increase case. My objection focuses on three main elements:

First, the York Water Company seems to be passing on the costs of its questionable management decisions onto its customers. In particular, York Water is using the radical rate increases to fund pension obligations that it had obviously been underfunding for many years. As it said, "Rates under this Partial Settlement will be presumed to provide for recovery of a cash contribution to pensions in the amount of \$635,000." In addition, in the last few years York Water has bought several very small service areas that are in need of upgrades (for example, acquisitions of Letterkenny Industrial Development Authority, Franklin County General Authority, Albright, and SYC WWTP, L.P). YWC is using its customer base in other areas for those upgrades. In the case of Straban (chiefly Amblebrook), the

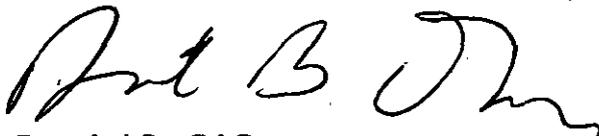
system is only a few years old and not in need of any upgrades, yet the customers here are being charged to upgrade older systems that YWC just purchased.

Second, in reviewing the wastewater rates charged by the YWC across its service area, it seems that the customers in Straban (Amblebrook) are being charged commercial wastewater rates despite being residential customers. Commercial wastewater rates in many of its other service areas, as detailed in its filing, are much lower than in Straban. This seems grossly unfair and not justified in any of the material provided by YWC.

Finally, as I pointed out in my testimony at the August hearing, YWC charges a flat fee for up to 4000 gallons of wastewater per month, regardless of actual usage. Given that they track actual usage, rates should be set for actual usage. Further, in examining my own bills from YWC, I can see that they are only charging 12 cents for every 16 gallons wastewater when they do calculate actual usage above the 4000-gallon limit. If they charged that for every gallon, my bill for 4000 gallons (currently \$86.90 per month and scheduled to go to \$112 per month) would be \$30 per month. While the company says the rates would be higher (page 47) if "solely based on the capital costs and O&M expenditures tied to the Amblebrook water and wastewater systems," customers at Amblebrook could reduce water usage to reduce their bills if we were not billed at a flat rate.

To reiterate, I think this settlement is grossly unfair to existing customers who are being asked to assume the costs of YWC expansion and pension obligations. I believe the PUC should reject this partial settlement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan B O'Connor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

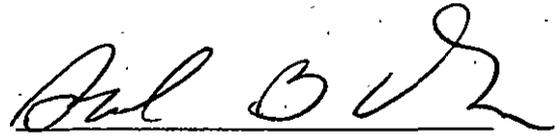
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OBJECTIONS TO SETTLEMENT

Please sign this sheet if you would like to **oppose** the Joint Petition for Approval of Partial Settlement signed by York Water Company, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the PUC's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, and the Office of Small Business Advocate on **November 10, 2025**, in the case of *Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. York Water Company*, Docket Nos. R-2025-3053442 (Water), R-2025-3053573 (Wastewater). **You are encouraged to provide written comments below and/or attach additional pages**, setting forth any facts and explanation for your objections.

By adding my signature below, I am indicating that I have read the terms of the Settlement Agreement and wish to **oppose** the Settlement. I understand that I may file objections (below and/or by attachment to this Objections Page) to the Settlement and exceptions to a Recommended Decision and that my complaint will be resolved as part of the PUC order resolving this case.

Daniel B. O'Connor
Please Print Your Full Name


Please Sign Your Full Name

Date: 11/04/2025

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