

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.

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Docket Numbers of Your Complaint(s) (begins with C-2025):

C-2025-3056217

Written Comments and reasons for objecting (may attach additional sheets):

please see attached sheets

Objection to the Proposed Settlement

Introduction

My objection to the proposed settlement is rooted in several key concerns, which I detail below with specific reference to statements and evidence provided within the proposal and during public hearings.

Lack of Relevant Testimony Consideration

The settlement proposal, specifically on pages 46 and 47, notes that four public input hearings were held as part of the proceeding—two in person and two telephonically. A total of 46 individuals, representing 36 residential households, provided testimony. Of these, 39 individuals from 30 distinct households were residents of the Amblebrook community—a new, 55+ residential development in Gettysburg (Straban Township), Pennsylvania. The proposal also points out that no small business, public fire, or industrial customers presented testimony. However, this point is irrelevant, as Amblebrook is strictly a residential community. The only business within Amblebrook, the Customer Welcome Center for home sales, is owned and operated by Crown Development Corporation, which previously sold the water and wastewater system to York Water. Water services and fire hydrants in the community are managed and paid for by the Amblebrook Homeowners Association (HOA). The services provided by York Water are exclusively for Amblebrook, and these details—presented both in written testimony and verbally at the hearings—appear to have been overlooked in the settlement proposal.

Concerns Regarding Rate Increases and Justification

Further, on pages 47 and 48, York Water asserts that the rate increases under the Partial Settlement are part of ongoing efforts to consolidate rates under a single-tariff pricing structure. The company argues that without this consolidation, rates for Straban Township water and wastewater customers—if based solely on capital costs and operations and maintenance (O&M) expenditures tied to the Amblebrook systems—would be higher than those proposed. However, testimony from the hearing highlighted that York Water's own publication indicated that the previous rate increases, effective March 1, 2023, were implemented to complete upgrades to the Amblebrook Wastewater Treatment Plant. Now, they contend that the system does not generate sufficient revenue to support itself. Testimony at the hearing also confirmed that York Water was aware, at the time of purchasing the Amblebrook water and wastewater systems, that there would be a window of more than ten years before the community would reach completion of 2,000 homes—a

milestone projected for 2032. Currently, fewer than 800 homes have been completed. It is unreasonable to expect the current homeowners to bear the financial burden for these circumstances, especially since York Water was aware of the timeline when proceeding with the 2024 wastewater system upgrade. The costs associated with system operations and expansion should therefore be absorbed by York Water.

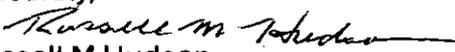
Importance of Rate Comparisons and Transparency

Additionally, disregarding comparisons to water and wastewater systems operated in other jurisdictions by York Water is both insincere and dismissive. Service providers and their rates were cited during the hearings, and rate information for comparable systems is publicly available on the websites of other companies and municipalities. In the absence of justification for the proposed York Water rates, the suggestion to ignore these facts and data is unacceptable.

Conclusion and Personal Impact

The proposed settlement has left me feeling disheartened and frustrated. It is particularly concerned that the agencies representing Pennsylvania consumers appear to have quickly agreed to the proposed settlement, seemingly disregarding the misleading data and statements presented within it. This action fails to serve the interests of the consumers they represent. The proposed rate increases are unjustified and place a significant financial burden on consumers. An increase of 100% over three years is unreasonable and should not be accepted.

Sincerely,


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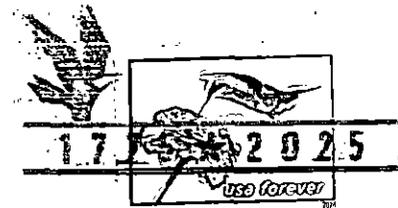
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