

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120**

**Petition of Borough of Sandy Lake**

**Public Meeting held November 20, 2025**  
**3051940-LAW**  
**Docket No. P-2024-3051940**

**JOINT MOTION OF CHAIRMAN STEPHEN M. DeFRANK AND**  
**COMMISSIONER RALPH V. YANORA**

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) for consideration is the 2024 Petition (Petition) of the Borough of Sandy Lake (SLB), Mercer County, requesting that the Commission issue a declaratory order regarding extraterritorial water service to the Sandy Lake Wesleyan Church at 3096 Sandy Lake-Grove City Road, Stoneboro, Mercer County, PA (Church). Specifically, SLB requests that such service be deemed “non-jurisdictional because it is not service to or for the public.”<sup>1</sup> With the Petition, SLB also filed documents from 2012 regarding a possible additional connection of the Cocca Development property in Stoneboro Plaza, 2449 Mercer Street, Stoneboro, Pennsylvania 16153 (Stoneboro Plaza).

Based on the Petition, we believe that the provision of extraterritorial water service by SLB to the Church and to Stoneboro Plaza is not jurisdictional because it is not public utility service to or for the public under 66 Pa.C.S. § 102. As such, we would grant SLB’s 2024 Petition and issue a corresponding final Declaratory Order. We do not find the additional customer connections of the Church and Stoneboro Plaza to require an amendment to the Commission’s 2011 Order.<sup>2</sup> Additionally, SLB has already agreed to certain requirements in its Resolution 2011-1, which SLB is not permitted to amend or repeal without advance notice to and approval from the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> 2024 Petition at ¶ 5.

<sup>2</sup> On August 25, 2011, the Commission issued an Order at P-2011-2224488 (2011 Tentative Order) tentatively granting a SLB Petition requesting that the Commission find that water service to twenty-four customers outside of its municipal boundaries was non-jurisdictional. As part of this Order, SLB passed Resolution No. 2011-1 which is still in effect. Resolution No. 2011-1 provides (1) that SLB will not allow additional water service connections to properties outside its “municipal limits” absent Commission approval, and (2) that the extraterritorial customers will be charged the same rates and on the same terms and conditions as applied to customers within SLB. 2024 Petition at ¶ 10.

**THEREFORE, WE MOVE:**

1. That Sandy Lake Borough's Petition for Declaratory Order is hereby granted, consistent with this Joint Motion.
2. That the Law Bureau shall draft an Order consistent with this Joint Motion.

**Date: November 20, 2025**

  
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**Stephen M. DeFrank**

  
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