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January 5, 2026

Via Electronic Filing

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
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Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v.
The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority
Docket Nos. R-2025-3055010 (Water); R-2025-3055011 (Wastewater);
R-2025-3055012 (Stormwater)

I&E Letter – Reply to Pittsburgh Water’s Letter in Lieu of Exceptions

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E) in response to Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority d/b/a Pittsburgh Water’s letter in lieu of more formal Exceptions to the Recommended Decision (RD) of Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Emily I. DeVoe and Administrative Law Judge Ann Quimby that was issued on December 19, 2025, in the above-captioned proceeding. In its letter, Pittsburgh Water states that it fully supports approval of the Joint Petition for Settlement (Settlement) and strongly urges the Commission to permit Pittsburgh Water to place its rates into effect prior to the end of the suspension period. I&E supports the Settlement as modified by the RD and requests that the Commission deny Pittsburgh Water’s request to place rates into effect prior to the end of the suspension date.

In its Order dated July 10, 2025, the Commission suspended Pittsburgh Water’s proposed Supplement No. 16 Tariff Water - Pa. P.U.C. No. 1 by operation of law until March 8, 2026. The RD recommends:

That Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority shall be permitted to file water, wastewater, and storm water tariffs, tariff supplements, or tariff revisions containing rates, rules, and regulations, consistent with the Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement of All Issues with All Parties to produce a total increase of \$25 million in base rate revenue (inclusive of DSIC), effective upon approval, consistent with the rates, rules, and regulations set forth in the pro forma tariffs included in Appendices I, J, and K to the Joint Petition, as modified by Ordering Paragraph 2, to become effective upon at least one day’s notice after entry of the Commission’s final order in this matter **but no sooner than March 8, 2026.**¹

¹ RD at p. 151, ¶ 6 (emphasis added).

The RD is clear in its recommendation that Pittsburgh Water's new rates shall not be effective prior to the end of the suspension period on March 8, 2026. In its letter, Pittsburgh Water provides neither a proposed date for when its rates should go into effect nor a rationale explaining why its rates should go into effect prior to the end of the suspension date. I&E respectfully requests that the Commission deny Pittsburgh Water's request and support the RD's recommendation.

Copies of this letter are being served on parties per the attached Certificate of Service. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am serving the foregoing **Letter** dated January 5, 2026, in the manner and upon the persons listed below.

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