

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Office of Small Business Advocate	:	
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v.	:	C-2025-3058757
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Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc.	:	

Office of Consumer Advocate	:	
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v.	:	C-2025-3058865
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Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc.	:	

PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER

A Prehearing Conference has been scheduled for **Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** The undersigned administrative law judge will preside telephonically. To participate in the Prehearing Conference, you must dial the toll-free number listed below. You will be prompted to enter a PIN number, which is also listed below. You will be asked to speak your name and then the telephone system will connect you to the hearing.

Toll-free Bridge Number: 888-537-9826
PIN Number: 59951562

You must call into the conference on the scheduled day and time. Failure of any party to attend the prehearing conference without good cause shall constitute a waiver of all objections to the agreements reached and matters decided at the Prehearing Conference. You will not be called by the Administrative Law Judge.

The parties are hereby directed to comply with the following requirements:

1. Each party must file and serve by email, **prior to 4:30 pm on April 7, 2026, a Prehearing Conference Memorandum** which sets forth the following information: (a) a history of the proceedings, (b) estimated amount of time needed to present the party's case, (c) the issues you intend to present, (d) a proposed plan and schedule of discovery (if applicable), (e) a listing of your proposed witnesses and the subject of their testimony, and (f) a proposed litigation schedule to include available dates between June 2026 and August 2026 for having an in-person evidentiary hearing in Harrisburg, PA as well as the proposed dates, times and locations for any in-person or telephonic public input hearings, agreed to by all parties, if possible. **Parties represented by multiple attorneys must designate a primary speaker for the purposes of the prehearing conference.**

2. Any request for a change of the scheduled Prehearing Conference date must state the agreement or opposition of other parties and must be submitted by email no later than five (5) days prior to the Prehearing Conference. 52 Pa. Code § 1.15(b). Requests for changes of initial Prehearing Conferences must be sent by email, with copies to all parties of record. Only the undersigned Administrative Law Judge may grant a request for a change of a Prehearing Conference. Such changes are granted only in rare situations where sufficient cause exists. Requests for changes of subsequent Prehearing Conferences or hearings, if any, should also be served directly on the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

In accordance with the foregoing, absent a continuance for good cause, all parties must be prepared to participate in the scheduled Prehearing Conference. The Prehearing Conference is for the discussion and planning of the litigation of the case. No testimony will be taken. The Prehearing Conference is open to the public.

3. The parties are encouraged to review the regulations pertaining to prehearing conferences, 52 Pa. Code § 5.221-§ 5.224, and in particular, § 5.222(d) which provide, in part:

(d) Parties and counsel will be expected to attend the conference fully prepared for a useful discussion of all problems involved in the proceeding, both procedural and substantive, and fully authorized to make commitments with respect thereto.

(1) The preparation must include submission of a prehearing memorandum and list:

- (i) The presently identified issues.
- (ii) The names and addresses of the witnesses.
- (iii) The proposed area of testimony of each witness.

(2) The preparation may include:

- (i) Development of a proposed procedural schedule.
- (ii) Advance study of all relevant materials.
- (iii) Advance informal communication between the parties, including requests for additional data and information, to the extent it appears feasible and desirable.

(Emphasis added.)

4. Parties should review the regulations relating to discovery, specifically 52 Pa. Code § 5.331(b), which provides, *inter alia*, that “a party shall endeavor to initiate discovery as early in the proceedings as reasonably possible,” and 52 Pa. Code § 5.322, which encourages parties to exchange information on an informal basis. All parties are urged to cooperate in discovery and advise me at the Prehearing Conference as to any discovery problems which have not been resolved. There are limitations on discovery and sanctions for abuse of the discovery process. 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.361, 5.371-5.372.

5. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.21 & 1.22, you may represent yourself, if you are an individual, or you may have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, you must have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall ensure that their appearance is entered in accordance with the provisions of 52 Pa. Code § 1.24(b).

6. Failure of a party to attend the Prehearing Conference, and to be excused from participating in the Prehearing Conference, for good cause shown, shall constitute a waiver of all objections to the agreements reached and matters decided at the Prehearing Conference, including, but not limited to, any special discovery rules and the litigation schedule established for this case. Any party who fails to attend and participate in the prehearing conference will be considered an inactive party in this proceeding. 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.222(e) & 5.224.

7. You must serve the presiding Administrative Law Judge directly with a copy of any document that you file in this proceeding. The email address for the presiding Administrative Law Judge is callenswor@pa.gov. If you send the undersigned a document or correspondence, you must also send a copy to all other parties. If you fail to provide a copy of any filing or communication sent to the presiding Administrative Law Judge to all other parties, your filing, pleading or communication will not be considered.

Date: January 26, 2026

_____/s/
Chad Allensworth
Administrative Law Judge

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