



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

February 12, 2026

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Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Application of Pennsylvania-American Water Company under Sections 1102(a) and 1329 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa C.S. §§ 1102(a) and 1329, for approval of (1) the transfer, by sale, to Pennsylvania-American Water Company, of substantially all of the assets, properties and rights related to the wastewater system owned and operated by the City of Pittston, and (2) the rights of Pennsylvania-American Water Company to begin to offer or furnish wastewater service to the public in portions of the Borough of Hughestown, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, the Borough of Duryea, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, Pittston Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania and the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania / Docket No. A-2025-3056419

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Enclosed please find the Notice of Intervention, Public Statement, and Verification, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”), in the above-referenced proceeding.

Copies will be served on all known parties in this proceeding, as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Steven C. Gray

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Enclosures

cc: Kevin Higgins
Parties of Record

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of Pennsylvania-American	:	
Water Company under Sections 1102(a)	:	Docket No. A-2025-3056419
and 1329 of the Pennsylvania Public	:	
Utility Code, 66 Pa C.S. §§ 1102(a) and	:	
1329, for approval of (1) the transfer,	:	
by sale, to Pennsylvania-American	:	
Water Company, of substantially	:	
all of the assets, properties and rights	:	
related to the wastewater system owned a	:	
nd operated by the City of Pittston, and	:	
(2) the rights of Pennsylvania-American	:	
Water Company to begin to offer or	:	
furnish wastewater service to the public	:	
in portions of the Borough of Hughestown,	:	
Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, the Borough	:	
of Duryea, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania,	:	
Pittston Township, Luzerne County,	:	
Pennsylvania and the City of Pittston,	:	
Luzerne County, Pennsylvania	:	

**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
OF THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

The Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) files this Notice of Intervention with respect to the Application of Pennsylvania-American Water Company under Sections 1102(a) and 1329 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa C.S. §§ 1102(a) and 1329, for approval of (1) the transfer, by sale, to Pennsylvania-American Water Company, of substantially all of the assets, properties and rights related to the Stormwater and Sanitary Wastewater Collection and Conveyance System of the City of Pittston and (2) the rights of Pennsylvania-American Water Company to begin to offer or furnish wastewater service to the public in portions of the Borough of Hughestown, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, the Borough of Duryea, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and Pittston Township, Luzerne County Pennsylvania, and the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania that was filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

(“Commission”) on January 16, 2026. In support of this Notice of Intervention, the OSBA avers as follows:

1. The OSBA is an agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorized by the Small Business Advocate Act (Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50) to represent the interest of small business consumers as a party in proceedings before the Commission.
2. Representing the OSBA in this proceeding is:

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of Duryea, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania,	:	
Pittston Township, Luzerne County,	:	
Pennsylvania and the City of Pittston,	:	
Luzerne County, Pennsylvania	:	

**PUBLIC STATEMENT OF
THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

The Small Business Advocate is authorized and directed to represent the interest of small business consumers of utility services in Pennsylvania under the provisions of the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50 (the “Act”). The Act further provides that the Small Business Advocate is to issue publicly a written statement stating concisely the specific interest of small business consumers to be protected by her initiation of or intervention in any proceeding involving those interests before the Public Utility Commission or any other agency or court. This public statement relates to the filing today by the Small Business

Advocate of a Notice of Intervention (“NOI”) in the Application of Pennsylvania-American Water Company (“PAWC”) under Sections 1102(a) and 1329 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa C.S. §§ 1102(a) and 1329, for approval of (1) the transfer, by sale, to Pennsylvania-American Water Company, of substantially all of the assets, properties and rights related to the Stormwater and Sanitary Wastewater Collection and Conveyance System of the City of Pittston (the “City”) and (2) the rights of Pennsylvania-American Water Company to begin to offer or furnish wastewater service to the public in portions of the Borough of Hughestown, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, the Borough of Duryea, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and Pittston Township, Luzerne County Pennsylvania, and the City of Pittston, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania (“Application”) that was filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) on January 16, 2026.

The Small Business Advocate files this NOI to protect the interests of PAWC’s and the City’s small business customers that could be affected by the acquisition set forth in the Application.


The Small Business Advocate will participate in proceedings before the Public Utility Commission to investigate the reasonableness of acquisition set forth in the Application. The Small Business Advocate will ask the Commission to deny any aspect of the Application that is not proven to be lawful, just, reasonable, and non-discriminatory.

Dated: February 12, 2026

VERIFICATION

I, NazAarah Sabree, hereby state that the facts set forth herein above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Date: February 12, 2026



(Signature)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been served via email (*unless otherwise noted below*) upon the following persons, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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