

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Alexander Argentina	:	
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v.	:	C-2023-3044235
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Pennsylvania American Water Company	:	

**INTERIM ORDER
CONVERTING INITIAL HEARING TO A PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Alexander Argentina (Complainant) filed a Formal Complaint (Complaint) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) against Pennsylvania American Water Company (Respondent or Company) dated November 14, 2023.

On December 6, 2023, Respondent filed an Answer to the Complaint.

This matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge Conrad Johnson and an initial hearing was held on February 20, 2024. This case was subsequently assigned to the undersigned presiding officer.

On February 17, 2026, a telephone hearing notice was issued scheduling a further hearing in this matter for March 31, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

On March 12, 2026, the undersigned presiding officer received an email from counsel for the Company requesting clarification regarding the scope and purpose of the further hearing. The undersigned presiding officer also received an email from Complainant dated March 12, 2026 addressing the Commission policy that encourages settlements and indicating a desire the dispute with Respondent.

Upon review of the initial hearing transcript and the record in this proceeding, the undersigned presiding officer has determined that this matter is appropriate for a prehearing conference prior to conducting a further evidentiary hearing in this case. Accordingly, the undersigned presiding officer will preside at the prehearing conference on March 31, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., from an available Pittsburgh Hearing Room, Suite 220, Piatt Place, 301 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, and the parties will participate by telephone. Under the circumstances, the following order will be entered.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the initial hearing scheduled for March 31, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. shall be converted to a prehearing conference.
2. That the prehearing conference shall be held on March 31, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
3. The parties are hereby directed to comply with the following requirements.

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

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

4. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§1.21 & 1.22, you may represent yourself, if you are an individual, or you may have an attorney represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association or governmental agency or subdivision, you must have an attorney represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else.

5. The parties are further reminded to serve the undersigned Administrative Law Judge directly with a copy of any pleading that you file with the Commission's Secretary in this proceeding.

6. That Respondent shall contact the Complainant at least one week before the scheduled conference to discuss a possible settlement of this case. Even if you are unable to settle this case, you may still resolve many questions or issues during your talks. If an agreement is reached on all the issues, a formal conference or hearing will not be necessary and the scheduled conference or hearing will be cancelled.

7. That the parties shall participate by telephone at a prehearing conference and shall be fully prepared for the conference, consistent with the terms set forth above.

Date: March 16, 2026

_____/s/
Jeffrey A. Watson
Administrative Law Judge

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