



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

April 9, 2026

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

**Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. Newtown Artesian Water Company, Inc.  
/ Docket No. M-2020-3061300**

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/ Rebecca Lyttle*

Rebecca Lyttle  
Assistant Small Business Advocate  
Attorney ID No. 201399

*Enclosures*

cc: Jason Hails  
Roger Cathcart  
Parties of Record



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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Respectfully submitted,

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Date: April 9, 2026

**BEFORE THE  
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 v. :  
 :  
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**PUBLIC STATEMENT OF  
THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

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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 (“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 in the above-captioned Commission proceeding.

On March 24, 2026, Newtown Artesian Water Co. (“NAWC” “Company”) filed Supplement No. 166 (“Supplement”) to its Tariff Water – Pa. P.U.C. No. 9 (“Tariff No. 9”), to the Commission to increase NAWC’s Purchased Water Adjustment Clause (“PWAC”) surcharge from \$0.00 per thousand gallons to \$0.3363 per thousand gallons. The surcharge rate change will be effective on May 1, 2026. The PWAC surcharge is allegedly being adjusted to: **a.** reflect a recovery of 2025 under-collection of purchased water charges (per the attached PWAC

computation and reconciliation of over (under) collections from 2025); **b.** recover an increase in the purchased water rate from Pennsylvania American Water Company (“PAW”); and **c.** reflect a refund of certain 2025 purchased water charges from the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (“BCWSA”) because of the year-end adjustment based upon actual purchased water volumes. In addition to the net charges provided for in this Tariff, a State Tax Adjustment surcharge of 0.583% will apply to all bills for services rendered on or after April 1, 2026.

The Small Business Advocate is intervening in this proceeding to protect the interests of NAWC’s small business customers. A thorough inquiry by the Commission into all the elements of the Filing is necessary to ascertain whether the Company’s proposal conforms to the Public Utility Code and to the Commission’s regulations.

In view of the foregoing, the Small Business Advocate is requesting that the Filing be either denied or subject to investigation and evidentiary hearings before the Commission. The Small Business Advocate will ask the Commission to deny or modify any aspect of the Company’s proposals that are not proven by NAWC to be just, reasonable, non-discriminatory, and fully in accordance with the Public Utility Code and the Commission’s regulations.

Dated: April 9, 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: 04/09/2026

NazAarah Sabree

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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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