

Public Meeting held April 30, 2026

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair
Kathryn L. Zerfuss
John F. Coleman, Jr.
Ralph V. Yanora

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

v.

Montgomery Sewer Co., Inc.

Docket Nos.
R-2026-3061282
C-2026-3061627

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 23, 2026, Montgomery Sewer Co., Inc. (Montgomery), Utility Code 230284, filed Sewer - PA P.U.C. No. 2 (Tariff No. 2) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) to become effective July 1, 2026. Tariff No. 2 would increase Montgomery's total annual operating revenues for wastewater service by approximately \$84,600, or 51.1%.

On April 7, 2026, the Office of Small Business Advocate filed a formal complaint at Docket No. C-2026-3061627. Pursuant to Section 1308(d) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1308(d) (relating to general rate increases), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until February 1, 2027, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date.

Further, to inform the Commission in reviewing this proposed rate increase, we direct that the presiding Administrative Law Judge(s) shall include in the Recommended Decision adjudicating any proposed full settlement for this filing, and the parties shall include in any proposed full settlement related thereto, the impacts the rates recommended for approval will have on Montgomery's customers. The rate impact information shall include the average bill impact for residential and commercial customers with the percentage increases compared to the rates in effect prior to the filing of the proposed Montgomery Sewer Co., Inc – PA P.U.C. No. 2.

Investigation and analysis of this proposed tariff and the supporting data indicates that the proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations may be unlawful, unjust, unreasonable, and contrary to public interest. It also appears that consideration should be given to the reasonableness of Montgomery's existing rates, rules, and regulations;
THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That an investigation on Commission motion be, and hereby is, instituted to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules, and regulations contained in Montgomery Sewer Co., Inc.'s proposed Sewer – PA P.U.C. No. 2.

2. That Montgomery Sewer Co., Inc.'s proposed Sewer – PA P.U.C. No. 2 is suspended by operation of law until February 1, 2027, unless otherwise directed by Order of the Commission.

3. That within ten (10) days following the entry date of this Order, pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 53.71, Montgomery Sewer Co., Inc. shall e-file (or file) a tariff supplement, which shall bear no effective date, with the Commission and post the tariff supplement at the offices of Montgomery Sewer Co., Inc. announcing that the aforementioned tariff is suspended until February 1, 2027. A sample copy of a suspension supplement is provided in Attachment A of this Order.

4. That the investigation instituted in Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of this Order shall include consideration of the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the existing rates, rules, and regulations of Montgomery Sewer Co., Inc.

5. That this case be assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for Alternative Dispute Resolution, if possible, and for the prompt scheduling of such hearings as may be necessary culminating in the issuance of a recommended decision.

6. That the presiding Administrative Law Judge(s) shall include in the Recommended Decision adjudicating this filing, and the parties shall include in any settlement related thereto, the impacts the rates recommended for approval will have on Montgomery Sewer Co., Inc's customers. The rate impact information shall include the average bill impact for residential and commercial customers with the percentage increases compared to the rates in effect prior to the filing of the proposed Montgomery Sewer Co., Inc-PA P.U.C. No. 2.

7. That a copy of this Order shall be served upon Montgomery Sewer Co., Inc., the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and any persons who have filed formal complaints against the proposed tariff.

BY THE COMMISSION,



Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: April 30, 2026

ORDER ENTERED: April 30, 2026

ATTACHMENT A
Sample Suspension Supplement

Supp. No. _____ to
_____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____.

(COMPANY NAME)

(TERRITORY SERVED BY COMPANY)

The application of rates proposed in Supplement No. _____ to Tariff _____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____ filed to become effective _____, is hereby suspended until _____, at Docket No. _____. Presently effective rates contained in Tariff _____ Pa. P.U.C. No. _____ and supplements thereto, will continue in effect until otherwise amended. Issued in compliance with Title 66 Pa. C.S. § 1308.