



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

July 8, 2026

The Honorable Katrina L. Dunderdale
Administrative Law Judge
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Piatt Place
301 Fifth Avenue, Suite 220
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

The Honorable Ann Quimby
Administrative Law Judge
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Re: Application of Pennsylvania-American Water Company under Sections 1102(a) and 1329 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 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 rights related to the water treatment and distribution system owned and operated by the Indian Creek Valley Water Authority and; (2) the rights of Pennsylvania-American Water Company to begin to offer or furnish water service to the public in all of the Borough of Ohiopyle and portions of the Townships of, Saltlick, Springfield, Bullskin, Connellsville, and Stewart, Fayette County and all of the Borough of Donegal and portions of the Townships of Donegal and Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania / Docket No. A-2025-3055741

Dear Judge Dunderdale and Judge Quimby:

The Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) submits this letter to inform the Public Utility Commission that it does not oppose the Joint Petition for Approval of Unanimous Settlement of All Issues filed by the parties in the above-referenced proceeding. The OSBA filed a Notice of Intervention in this proceeding on November 21, 2025.

As set forth in the OSBA’s May 27, 2026, Prehearing Memorandum, the OSBA reviewed the following issues set forth in the Application of Pennsylvania-American Water Company (“PAWC” or the “Company”) under Sections 1102(a) and 1329:

- Whether Indian Creek Valley Water Authority (“ICVWA”) system is a troubled system in need of acquisition by PAWC.
- Whether any acquisition premium associated with the transaction will be included in rate base or otherwise recovered from ratepayers in a future proceeding.
- Whether the proposed transaction is consistent with the provision of safe, adequate, and reasonable service at just and reasonable rates for small business customers.
- Whether the proposed acquisition satisfies the requirements of *City of York* for affirmative public benefits.
- Whether the proposed timing of the Distribution System Improvement Charge (“DSIC”) being charged to ICVWA customers is just and reasonable.

The OSBA also engaged in settlement discussions with PAWC, ICVWA, and the other parties. The OSBA did not identify any aspects of the issues set forth above that were unjust or unreasonable to small business customers. Therefore, this letter serves as formal notice that the OSBA does not oppose the Joint Petition for Approval of Unanimous Settlement of All Issues filed by the other parties.

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

Sincerely,

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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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Saltlick, Springfield, Bullskin, Connellsville,	:	
and Stewart, Fayette County and all of the	:	
Borough of Donegal and portions of the	:	
Townships of Donegal and Mount Pleasant,	:	
Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania	:	

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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