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Via Electronic Filing (E-Filing)

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
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RE: Letter Petition of Springhouse
Waterworks Inc. for Waiver of the
180-Day Historic Test Year
Requirement Set Forth at 52 Pa.
Code §§ 53.51a and 53.52(b)(2);
Docket No. P-2026-

OCA Letter in Lieu of Answer

Dear Secretary Homsher,

On July 31, 2026, Springhouse Waterworks, Inc. (Springhouse or Company) filed its Base Rate Filing, Tariff – Water Pa. P.U.C. No. 3 Short Form Filing Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Section 53.54. On the same day, Springhouse also filed a Letter Petition for Waiver for the 180-day Historic Test Year Requirement Set Forth at 52 Pa. Code Sections 53.51a and 53.52(b)(2) (Petition). In its Petition the Company avers that it supported its base rate filing with an operating income statement and related financial data for the Historic Test Year (HTY) ending December 31, 2025. However, the base rate filing was made 212 days after the close of the HTY in contradiction of Section 53.51a and Section 53.52(b)(2) of the Public Utility Code.

Springhouse avers in its Petition that it is a small utility serving approximately 497 customers. Due to its small size, the Company does not employ full time accounting staff, relying on outside accountants to prepare annual financial statements. Springhouse was unable to compile the necessary documents within the timeframe required to file its base rate case within 180 days of the end of the HTY. Springhouse has requested a waiver of the 180 day HTY requirements.

Springhouse averred that without a waiver Springhouse would be required to withdraw its filing and resubmit all of the base rate requirements. The cost of resubmitting with newly developed HTY data would be borne by the Springhouse rate payers.

The OCA is filing this Letter in Lieu of Answer to indicate that the OCA does not oppose the proposed waiver of the HTY requirements, nor the Letter Petition filed by Springhouse in the instant proceeding. The OCA avers that it is in the best interests of consumers to waive these requirements and supports the Springhouse base rate filing continuing without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	
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v.	:	Docket No. R-2026-3064265
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Springhouse Waterworks Inc.	:	
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I hereby certify that I have this day filed electronically on the Commission's electronic filing system and served a true copy of the following document, the Office of Consumer Advocate's Letter of Non-Opposition, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code Section 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below.

Dated this 21st day of August, 2026.

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