

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	
Section 529 Investigation into the Acquisition	:	M-2025-3053936
of Wonderview Water Company, Inc. and	:	
Wonderview Sanitary Facilities, Inc.	:	

SETTLEMENT ORDER

On March 14, 2025, Chairman Stephen M. DeFrank of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) issued an *ex parte* Emergency Order (Emergency Order) that, *inter alia*, ordered an investigation into whether the Commission should order a capable public utility to acquire Wonderview Water Company, Inc. and Wonderview Sanitary Facilities, Inc. pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 529. The Emergency Order also directed Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc. (Veolia), to act as Receiver for Wonderview Water Company, Inc. and Wonderview Sanitary Facilities, Inc. (collectively, Wonderview) beginning March 21, 2025 and to continue during the pendency of the Section 529 proceeding. The Emergency Order was ratified by the Commission on March 27, 2025.

On April 16, 2025, a hearing notice was issued establishing a telephonic prehearing conference for May 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. and assigning me as the Presiding Officer. Also on April 16, 2025, a Prehearing Conference Order was issued, setting forth rules that would govern the prehearing conference.

On April 17, 2025, counsel for the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E) filed a Notice of Appearance.

Also on April 17, 2025, counsel for Veolia filed a Notice of Appearance.

On April 23, 2025, counsel for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) filed a Notice of Appearance.

On April 24, 2025, counsel for the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) filed a Notice of Appearance.

Also on April 24, 2025, Veolia filed a Motion to Stay the Proceeding (Motion to Stay). Veolia's Motion to Stay indicated that the following parties do not oppose the Motion to Stay: Wonderview, the Office of Consumer Advocate, OSBA, I&E, DEP, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., and Community Utilities of Pennsylvania, Inc. (CUP).

On April 30, 2025, counsel for OSBA filed a Notice of Intervention and Notice of Appearance of additional counsel.

On May 2, 2025, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. and Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. (collectively, Aqua) filed a Petition to Intervene. Also on May 2, 2025, DEP filed a Petition to Intervene.

On May 2, 2025, Veolia filed a prehearing memorandum.

The prehearing conference convened on May 7, 2025, as scheduled. The following parties were present and represented by the following counsel: Jonathan Nase, Esquire, for Veolia; Carrie Wright, Esquire, for I&E; Steven Gray, Esquire, for the OSBA; Alexander Stahl, Esquire, for Aqua; Amanda Chaplin, Esquire, and Geoffrey Ayers, Esquire, for DEP. John Yohey, President of Wonderview, appeared, but was not represented by counsel.

No responses to the Motion to Stay were filed. On May 19, 2025, I issued an Order granting the Motion to Stay.

Veolia provided a report by e-mail to the undersigned and the parties to this proceeding on July 17, 2025. Veolia filed a status report on September 16, 2025.

On September 22, 2025, I issued Stay Order # 2, extending the stay granted by Order issued on May 19, 2025.

Veolia provided a report by e-mail to the undersigned and the parties to this proceeding on November 21, 2025. Veolia provided an updated report by e-mail to the undersigned and the parties to this proceeding on December 5, 2025. Veolia filed a status report on January 20, 2026.

On January 23, 2026, I issued Stay Order # 3, extending the stay granted by Order issued on May 19, 2025.

Veolia provided a report by e-mail to the undersigned and the parties to this proceeding on March 24, 2026. Veolia filed a status report and motion for further extension for stay on May 22, 2026.

On May 28, 2026, I issued Stay Order # 4, extending the stay granted by Order issued on May 19, 2025.

Veolia provided a report by e-mail to the undersigned and the parties to this proceeding on July 27, 2026. Veolia filed a status report and motion for further extension for stay on September 25, 2026.

On September 28, 2026, I received an e-mail from counsel for Veolia, copying the parties, stating, in part:

I am pleased to report that Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc., Wonderview Water Company, Inc., Wonderview Sanitary Facilities, Inc., the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, and the Department of Environmental Protection (the “Settling Parties”) have reached a settlement of all issues in this proceeding (the “Settlement”). Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. and the Office of Small Business Advocate have reviewed the terms of the Settlement and have advised that they will not join the Settlement but they will not oppose it.

Under these circumstances, the parties ask that Your Honor suspend the procedural schedule in this matter.

The Settling Parties request that they be permitted to submit the Settlement to Your Honor by November 23, 2026.

Section 5.483 of the Commission's regulations provides presiding officers with the authority to regulate the course of proceedings. 52 Pa.Code § 5.483(a). Presiding officers are required to conduct fair and impartial hearings and maintain order. 52 Pa.Code § 5.485(a).

On September 29, 2026, I responded to the parties by e-mail, accepting parties' proposal to file a settlement by November 23, 2026. Additionally, I provided instructions to the parties regarding filing of settlement documents, which are memorialized in the ordering paragraphs below. A ruling on the motion for further extension of stay filed on September 25, 2026 will be held in abeyance, pending submission of settlement documents by November 23, 2026.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a Joint Petition for Settlement shall be filed by November 23, 2026.
2. That the Joint Petition for Settlement shall be accompanied by Statements in Support from each party joining the Joint Petition for Settlement.
3. That the Joint Petition for Settlement shall also be accompanied by Stipulations of Fact.

4. That a ruling regarding the Motion for Further Extension of Stay filed by Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc. on September 25, 2026 is held in abeyance pending submission of settlement documents by November 23, 2026.

5. That any provision of this order may be modified upon motion and good cause shown by any party.

Date: September 30, 2026

/s/
John M. Coogan
Administrative Law Judge

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