

**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PA 17120**

Public Meeting held October 1, 2026

Commissioners Present:

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

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

v.

Conneaut Lake Park Water Corporation, Inc.

Docket Nos.
R-2026-3064386
C-2026-3064621
C-2026-3064784

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 7, 2026, Conneaut Lake Park Water Corporation, Inc. (Conneaut), Utility Code 2125112, filed Tariff Supplement No. 3 to Water – Pa. P.U.C. No. 1 (Supplement No. 3) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) to become effective October 7, 2026. Supplement No. 3 proposes a multi-year rate increase that would increase Conneaut’s total annual operating revenues for water service by approximately \$39,527, or 45%, through rates effective October 7, 2026, by approximately \$24,537, or 19.3%, through rates effective October 7, 2027, and by approximately \$26,016, or 17.1%, through rates effective October 7, 2028.¹

On August 20, 2026, the Office of Small Business Advocate filed a formal complaint at Docket No. C-2026-3064621. On August 26, 2026, the Office of Consumer Advocate filed a formal complaint at Docket No. C-2026-3064784. Pursuant to Section 1308(d) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1308(d) (relating

¹ See, data and calculations filed in support of Supplement No. 3, Schedule H, Rows Total Revenue (\$87,758.94), Yr 1 Revenue (\$127,286 - \$87,759 rounded = \$39,527), Yr 2 Revenue (\$151,823 - \$127,286 = \$24,537), and Yr 3 Revenue (\$177,839 - \$151,823 = \$26,016).

to general rate increases), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until May 7, 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 settlement for this filing, and the parties shall include in any proposed settlement related thereto, the impacts the rates recommended for approval will have on Conneaut'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 tariff or tariff supplement.

Finally, on September 17, 2026, Conneaut filed a letter with the Commission (September 2026 Letter) indicating that an updated customer notice was mailed to all customers and a corrected press release was sent to the Meadville Tribune. In its September 2026 Letter, Conneaut identified that this update concerned the corrected percentage increases discovered while responding to the Commission's Bureau of Technical Utility Services Data Request Set 1. To inform the Commission in reviewing this proposed rate increase, we request that the parties address any issues with information in customer notices as part of the evidentiary record, and we direct that the presiding Administrative Law Judge(s) include in the Recommended Decision adjudicating this filing the impacts that any issues with information in customer notices may have had on the rates recommended for approval.

Investigation and analysis of this proposed tariff supplement and the supporting data indicate that the proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations may be unlawful, unjust, unreasonable, and contrary to public interest. In addition, we note that Conneaut, as the result of a settlement of its 2023 rate filing, is the subject of a Section 529 proceeding to determine whether the Commission shall order a capable public utility to acquire Conneaut. *See* P-2025-3051855. It also appears that consideration should be

given to the timing of this filing and also the reasonableness of Conneaut'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 Conneaut Lake Park Water Corporation, Inc.'s proposed Tariff Supplement No. 3 to Water – Pa. P.U.C. No. 1.

2. That Conneaut Lake Park Water Corporation, Inc.'s proposed Tariff Supplement No. 3 to Water – Pa. P.U.C. No. 1 is suspended by operation of law until May 7, 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, Conneaut Lake Park Water Corporation, 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 Conneaut Lake Park Water Corporation, Inc. announcing that the aforementioned tariff supplement is suspended until May 7, 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 Conneaut Lake Park Water Corporation, 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 any proposed settlement for this filing, and the parties shall include in any proposed settlement related thereto, the impacts the rates recommended for approval will have on Conneaut Lake Park Water Corporation, 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 tariff or tariff supplement.

7. That the presiding Administrative Law Judge(s) shall include in the Recommended Decision adjudicating this filing the impacts that any issues with information in customer notices may have had on the rates recommended for approval.

8. That a copy of this Order shall be served upon Conneaut Lake Park Water Corporation, 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 supplement.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew L. Homsher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" being the most prominent part.

Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: October 1, 2026

ORDER ENTERED: October 1, 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.