

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

Public Meeting held October 1, 2026

Commissioners Present:

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

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

v.

Springhouse Waterworks, Inc.

Docket Nos.
R-2026-3064265
C-2026-3064663

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 31, 2026, Springhouse Waterworks, Inc. (Springhouse), Utility Code 2124775, filed Tariff – Water Pa. P.U.C. No. 3 (Tariff No. 3) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) to become effective October 1, 2026. Tariff No. 3 would increase Springhouse’s total annual operating revenues for water service by approximately \$102,800, or 59%.

On July 31, 2026, Springhouse also filed a Petition for a waiver of 52 Pa. Code §§ 53.51a and 53.52(b)(2) (Waiver Petition) concerning the time period between the end of an historic test year and the date on which a proposed increase in base rates is filed. By the Waiver Petition, Springhouse requested an extension granting authority to file data in support of a proposed increase in base rates based upon an historic test year ended December 31, 2025. On August 19, 2026, the Commission, by Secretarial Letter, granted Springhouse’s request with the stipulation that Springhouse shall agree to delay the effective date of Tariff No. 3 by two weeks. On August 19, 2026, Springhouse filed

Supplement No. 1 to Tariff – Water Pa. P.U.C. No. 3 to suspend Tariff No. 3 until October 15, 2026.

On August 21, 2026, the Office of Consumer Advocate filed a formal complaint at Docket No. C-2026-3064663. 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 May 15, 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 Springhouse'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 10, 2026, Springhouse filed a letter with the Commission (September 2026 Letter) indicating that it has corrected and is reissuing customer and legal notices associated with Tariff No. 3. In its September 2026 Letter, Springhouse identified that notices originally identified Springhouse's proposed overall annual revenue increase as \$86,600. Springhouse corrected the notices to reflect the proposed overall annual revenue increase of \$102,800 and to clarify that Springhouse does not charge for fire protection services and proposes no change to those services. 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 and the supporting data indicate 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 Springhouse'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 Springhouse Waterworks, Inc.'s proposed Tariff – Water Pa. P.U.C. No. 3.

2. That Springhouse Waterworks, Inc.'s proposed Tariff – Water Pa. P.U.C. No. 3 is suspended by operation of law until May 15, 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, Springhouse Waterworks, Inc. shall efile (or file) a tariff supplement, which shall bear no effective date, with the Commission and post the tariff supplement at the offices of Springhouse Waterworks, Inc. announcing that the aforementioned tariff is suspended until May 15, 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 Springhouse Waterworks, Inc.

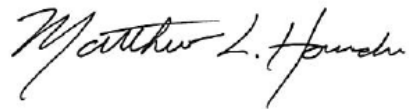
5. That this case be assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for Alternative Dispute Resolution, if possible, and for the prompt scheduling of such hearings as may be necessary culminating in the issuance of a recommended decision.

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 Springhouse Waterworks, 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 Springhouse Waterworks, 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,

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

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 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.