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Chairman Stephen M. DeFrank
Public Utility Commission
400 North Street
Keystone Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

November 19, 2025

Dear Chairman DeFrank,

I am writing regarding Pennsylvania American Water Company (PAWC)'s November 14, 2025 filing with the Public Utility Commission (PUC) proposing an increase to their electric distribution rates on or about the August 2026 billing cycle. I respectfully request the PUC suspend for review of the proposed water and wastewater rate increases and initiate the appropriate proceedings as consistent with applicable law and provide for adequate opportunity for public input.

For the average residential consumer, their "typical" bill would increase by approximately \$14/month. In addition, those residential customers of the Exeter Township wastewater plant would see their wastewater bills increase by about \$10/month. For those customers who have combined water and wastewater bills from PAWC, they would be looking at a typical monthly cost increase of around \$20. Speaking from the experiences my constituents of Exeter Township have shared with my office; these figures are far from accurate.

It is frankly offensive to burden ratepayers with yet another biannual rate increase that is expected to produce PAWC with an additional \$168.7 million in revenue, while ratepayers have to stretch their paychecks further and further. I am deeply concerned with this proposed increase and how it will impact PAWC customers. Their voices must be heard and understood.

A utility rate increase of any proportion will negatively impact the financial wellbeing of many families, and I respectfully request your intervention to thoroughly vet the justification and need for this substantial rate increase. I thank you for considering my request and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith L. Schwank".
Judith L. Schwank
State Senator – 11th District

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