

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105-3265**

**Application of Pennsylvania-American Water Company-Wastewater under Section 1329 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 1329, for approval of the use for ratemaking purposes of the lesser of the fair market value or the negotiated purchase price of The Municipal Authority of the City of McKeesport's assets related to its wastewater collection and treatment system and other related transactions.**

**Public Meeting held October 26, 2017  
2606103-ALJ**

**Docket No. A-2017-2606103**

**STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS M. BROWN**

Before the Commission today is a Settlement Agreement approving the application of Pennsylvania-American Water Company to acquire the wastewater collection and treatment system of the Municipal Authority of the City of McKeesport.

I applaud the Parties for reaching a fair compromise of opposing views and interests. The customers of the Authority benefit greatly from this acquisition. PAWC will provide much needed investment in the system, specifically to address environmental compliance issues.

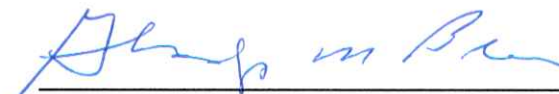
Importantly, the Authority's customers will benefit from PAWC's additional bill payment options, extended customer service and call center hours, enhanced customer information and education programs, and access to PAWC's customer assistance program (H2O or Help to Others).

I am also pleased that PAWC has agreed to submit a cost of service study, in its next base rate filing, that separates the costs of providing the stormwater component of wastewater services for the Authority.

For these reasons and without hesitation, I support the approval of this settlement agreement.

October 26, 2017

Date



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Gladys M. Brown, Chairman