

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

**Application of 52 Pa. Code § 3.501 to
Certificated Water and Wastewater
Utility Acquisitions, Mergers, and
Transfers**

**Public Meeting April 30, 2020
3017232-LAW
Docket No. L-2020-3017232**

STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER RALPH V. YANORA

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) for consideration and disposition is an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANOPR) regarding the application of 52 Pa. Code § 3.501 to certificated water and wastewater utility acquisitions, mergers, and transfers. The ANOPR implements my Motion of February 6, 2020, and solicits comments addressing whether differential treatment of applications for certificates of public convenience is appropriate when well-established water or wastewater utilities seek to acquire non-certificated water or wastewater service providers.

Specifically, the Commission seeks comments on the following topic areas: (1) documentation and notice requirements for well-established utilities under Section 3.501; (2) modification of the 1993 Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection;¹ (3) promotion of the Commission's long-standing goals of regionalization and consolidation; and (4) Commission enforcement of cross-connection control programs.

I thank the Commission's Law Bureau and Bureau of Technical Utility Services for their work on developing this ANOPR and look forward to reviewing the input and comments received from all interested stakeholders throughout this rulemaking process.

DATE: April 30, 2020



RALPH V. YANORA
COMMISSIONER

¹ Memorandum of Understanding between the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (entered into December 2, 1993).