

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	R-2024-3045192 (Water)
	:	R-2023-3045193 (Wastewater)
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Office of Consumer Advocate	:	
Office of Small Business Advocate	:	
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v.	:	
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Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc.	:	

**INTERIM ORDER  
APPROVING VWPA’S REQUEST TO  
VOLUNTARILY EXTEND SUSPENSION PERIOD**

On February 16, 2024, Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc. (VWPA or Company) filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) Supplement No. 68 to its Tariff Water – Pa. P.U.C. No. 7 (Supplement No. 68) at Docket No. R-2024-3045192 and Supplement No. 5 to its Tariff Wastewater – Pa. P.U.C. No. 2 (Supplement No. 5) at Docket No. R-2024-3045193.

On March 14, 2024, the Commission entered an Order initiating an investigation to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules, and regulations in these proceedings, suspending the effective date of the proposed rates until November 16, 2024, and assigning these matters to the Office of Administrative Law Judge (OALJ) for the prompt scheduling of such hearings as may be necessary, culminating in the issuance of a recommended decision.

On March 27, 2024, a prehearing conference was held the above-captioned matters. (VWPA), the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA), the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (BIE), and the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania (CAUSE-PA) were present and represented by counsel. Additionally, Elisa Guisto (Ms. Guisto), a customer who filed a

Formal Rate Complaint in this proceeding, was present. The parties discussed a variety of matters, including the Company's request to voluntarily extend the suspension period in this matter.

In its prehearing memorandum, VWPA proposed voluntarily extending the suspension period to November 22, 2024, so the Commission will have sufficient time to consider this matter at the November 7, 2024, public meeting date, on the condition that VWPA can recover approved rates from the original suspension deadline (November 16, 2024).

Prior to the prehearing conference in this matter, I contacted Office of Administrative Law (OALJ) staff in Harrisburg to discuss the appropriate public meeting date to use in planning the litigation schedule in this matter. I explained to OALJ staff that if I was unable to use the November 7, 2024, public meeting date, I would have to use the public meeting date of October 10, 2024, which would shorten the time available to litigate and prepare a recommended decision by almost a month. I was advised to use the November 7, 2024, public meeting date, and I conveyed this information to the parties.

The Company's proposal to voluntarily extend the suspension period provides addition time for the Commission to act before any new rates become effective. No party objected to the Company's proposal.

The request to voluntarily extend the suspension period is not without precedent. The Commission has previously granted requests made by utility companies to voluntarily extend the applicable suspension period on the condition that the Company would be able to recover approved rates back to the original suspension period. *See Pa. Pub. Util. Comm'n v. Community Util. of Pa., Inc.*, Docket Nos. R-2023-3042805 and *Pa. Pub. Util. Comm'n v. W. Penn Power Co.*, Docket No. R-2014-2428742.

Therefore, as VWPA's request is reasonable, in the public interest, and was not objected to by any party, it is granted.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc.'s offer to extend the suspension period from November 16, 2024, to November 22, 2024, on the condition it may recover approved rates from the original suspension date is hereby approved.
  
2. That, within 10 days of the date of this Order, Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc., must file tariff supplements reflecting (1) further suspension of this matter to November 22, 2024, and (2) approval of a surcharge to recover approved rates from November 16, 2024, until the effective date for new rates pursuant to Commission order.

Date: April 2, 2024

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/s/  
Emily I. DeVoe  
Administrative Law Judge

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