



August 1, 2022

Governor Tom Wolf
Office of the Governor
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf,

We write to you today to respectfully ask that you consider expediting the process of approving new nominees for the Public Utility Commission (PUC).

We are faced with a sense of urgency as the current Commission is already short two members on their five-member board. In addition, Vice Chairman Coleman's term expired in April of this year, potentially leaving the board with only two acting Commissioners. With the Public Utility Commission's far reach on regulations from electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water/wastewater, pipeline, motor carrier and rail companies, it is plain to see what a limited board will mean for the Commonwealth.

There are many important cases before the PUC that deserve the attention and deliberation of a full complement, including record-breaking Act 12 sales of public water and wastewater systems in several counties across Pennsylvania. These are decisions that garner great public scrutiny, significant community impacts, and strong opinions from members of the public and ratepayers. Unfortunately, the fact that there are multiple vacancies on the PUC appears to weaken public trust in the integrity of its very important and far-reaching decisions.

In matters of particular importance to our constituents, such as the acquisition of wastewater systems by private companies, the three-member Commission has overturned recommendations of ALJs in several instances and has resorted to taking notational votes rather than making decisions at public meetings. This process that will only be exacerbated by a Commission could soon be even more limited.

We appreciate the work you have done on this issue and understand the challenges of negotiating with the Senate majority. We ask that you strive to take the necessary steps to fill these seats so that cases can be held fully, and regulations can continue to move forward, so that the interest of the citizens of this Commonwealth continue to be heard.

Sincerely,

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Senator Tim Kearney
26th District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolyn T. Comitta".

Senator Carolyn Comitta
11th District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristine C. Howard".

Representative Kristine Howard
167th District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Shusterman".

Representative Melissa Shusterman
157th District