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May 14, 2019

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
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Harrisburg, PA 17101

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Re: Proposed Rulemaking: Regulation #7-533: Water Quality Management and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit Application and Annual Fees; IRRC reference number: 3227

Dear Chairman Bedwick,

As you are aware, the final form regulation increasing the Safe Drinking Water fees was published on August 18, 2018. As a result, Community Water System's fees across the Commonwealth saw a drastic increase in their annual fees. Although it varied by population, in our situation the fee went up 7,900 percent (from \$250 to \$20,000). This drastic increase posed a tremendous shock to our budget and jeopardized our ability to fulfill our duty to our customers. We have an ageing water system we are trying to upgrade which is a huge expense. We formulated a 10-year upgrade program for our water system and have been implementing this program to offer the residents of East Petersburg Borough the best, safest water. We have been increasing our rates at least 5% each year for this reason. We would like to stress our opinion of the importance of considering the fiscal impact of the regulation, specifically the "*adverse effects of prices of goods and services, productivity or competition.*" 71 P.S. § 745.5b (b) (1) (ii).

We are respectfully requesting that the IRRC take a hard look at both the fiscal impact of the proposal on the regulated community and at whether the regulation is within the scope of its statutory authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments and for your careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Robin Hamparty

Manager, East Petersburg Borough

CC: Borough Council
Representatives

Kathy Cooper

From: Council East Petersburg Borough <epbcouncil@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 9:14 AM
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Please see attached a comment letter from East Petersburg Borough

Thank you.

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