

August 22, 2018

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Post Office Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Dear PUC,

On Monday, August 20, 2018, I received notification from Aqua Pennsylvania that they are asking for a proposed rate increase for both Sewer and Water for our community for almost \$40.00 per month.

Currently we pay about \$56.00 a month for Sewer and \$21.00 a month for Water for a total of \$77.00. This proposed increase Aqua is asking for would increase our Sewer bill to \$80.00 and Water to \$35.00 per month or \$115.00 monthly. Currently, I am told, that Butler Township, which we reside in, not including Beech Mountain, pays \$135.00 per quarter for Sewer while we are paying \$168.00 for the same period. Is our waste any different that we currently pay \$33 more per month?

Aqua cites the benefits to our community of new water mains and a new holding tank when in fact, the improvements benefit them so they won't have to repair water mains.

Many of us in Beech Mountain are retired and are on fixed incomes. This increase they are proposing of \$40.00 a month is totally unacceptable and should not be approved. I am asking you to consider the 900 plus homeowners in Beech Mountain and disapprove this unwarranted increase.

Sincerely yours,