

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL**No. 1486** Session of
1991

INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, DECEMBER 9, 1991

SENATOR BELL, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, AS
AMENDED, APRIL 7, 1992

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for construction of sewer or
3 water system extensions.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1512. Construction of sewer or water system extensions.

9 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided in
10 subsection (g), where a sewer or water system is to be extended
11 at the expense of the owner or owners of properties or where the
12 public utility otherwise would construct the line extensions or
13 connections, (other than water meter installation), the property
14 owner or owners shall have the right to construct the extension
15 or install the connection himself or themselves or through a
16 subcontractor approved by the public utility, which approval
17 shall not be unreasonably withheld.

18 (b) Estimate of costs.--Cost estimate proposals provided by

1 a contractor or subcontractor shall include the cost of any
2 extension of service lines from the main to the curb and the
3 cost of all materials.

4 (c) Construction specifications.--Construction by the
5 property owner or owners shall be in accordance with an
6 agreement for the extension of the public utility's system and
7 in compliance with plans and specifications provided by or
8 approved by the public utility and shall be undertaken only
9 pursuant to the regulations, requirements, rules and standards
10 of the public utility, applicable to the construction, which
11 rules and regulations shall be consistent with this section. The
12 construction shall be subject to inspection by an inspector
13 employed by the public utility authorized to approve the
14 construction.

15 (d) Limitation on construction.--A public utility may
16 require the construction of only such facilities as may be
17 necessary to supply service to the property owner or owners.

18 (e) Deposit for costs.--

19 (1) When a main is to be extended at the expense of the
20 owner or owners of properties, the property owner or owners
21 may be required to deposit with the public utility, in
22 advance of construction, the public utility's estimated
23 reasonable and necessary cost of reviewing plans,
24 construction inspections and administrative, legal and
25 engineering services.

26 (2) The public utility may prescribe that the property
27 owner or owners shall reimburse the public utility for
28 reasonable and necessary expenses incurred as a result of the
29 extension.

30 (f) ~~Dedication~~ CONVEYANCE of facilities.--Upon completion of <—

1 construction, the property owner or owners shall dedicate <—
2 CONVEY, and the public utility shall accept, the extension of <—
3 the public utility's system, provided ~~dedication~~ CONVEYANCE of <—
4 facilities and the installation complies with the plans,
5 specifications, regulations of the public utility and the
6 agreement. A public utility may provide in its regulations for
7 facilities constructed at the expense of the owner or owners of
8 properties which the public utility will accept as a part of its
9 system.

10 (g) Construction by public utility.--The public utility
11 shall have the right, at its option, to perform the construction
12 itself only if the public utility provides the extension or
13 customer facilities at a lower cost and within the same time
14 table specified or proposed by the property owner or owners or
15 his or their approved subcontractor.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.