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Via Electronic Mail and First Class Mail, Postage Prepaid

The Honorable Steven K. Haas Administrative Law Judge Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265 sthaas@pa.gov

In Re:

Docket No. I-2016-2526085

Investigation Instituted Per Section 529 Into Whether The Commission Shall Order A Capable Public Utility To Acquire Delaware Sewer Company

Dear Administrative Law Judge Haas:

We are counsel to Delaware Sewer Company (DSC) in the above matter. In reply to Mr. Zambito's letter of August 13, 2018, on behalf of Pennsylvania American Water Company (PAWC), please be advised that DSC agrees with PAWC that DSC and PAWC are continuing to negotiate an Assets Purchase Agreement ("APA") and that, while we have made significant progress, the APA has not yet been executed. In regard to the status of negotiations, further progress, in fact, occurred last week subsequent to Mr. Zambito's letter. As we now may be in the very final stage of negotiating the APA, DSC remains in opposition to a further continuance of the litigation schedule. DSC filed its petition asking the Public Utility Commission to open a Section 529 investigation in February 2014. DSC wants to conclude this matter by the end of 2018.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS, NIESEN & THOMAS, LLC

By

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Before the PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 20th day of August 2018, served a true and correct copy of the foregoing letter, upon the persons and in the manner indicated below:

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