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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 400 North Street, Second Floor P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

> Re: PA-American Water Company Proposed Acquisition of Exeter Township, Berks County Sewer System Our Client: Borough of St. Lawrence <u>Our File No. 100389-1</u>

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

This firm serves as Solicitor to the Borough of St. Lawrence, Berks County, 3540 St. Lawrence Avenue, Reading, PA 19606. The Borough has been advised of negotiations between Exeter Township, Berks County, which is the municipality adjacent to the Borough, and PA-American Water Company, to acquire a sewage collection and treatment system owned and operated by Exeter Township. The Borough of St. Lawrence owns and operates a sewage collection system which is connected to the Exeter Township sewer system.

PA-American has approached the Borough regarding the continued provision of sewage treatment services to residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial users in the Borough subsequent to the sale of the Exeter system. PA-American representatives have prepared a draft "Sewage Treatment and Conveyance Agreement," containing proposed terms for continued service. The proposed agreement has a term of service of thirty (30) years, allowing for termination with five (5) years notice. It acknowledges that the collection system of the Borough is owned by the Borough, and provides for continued conveyance of sewage to the Exeter plant through the St. Lawrence collection system, and the measurement of such flows for purposes of billing.

St. Lawrence received this proposed Agreement on or about September 25, 2018. It is under review by members of Borough Council, and engineering and legal professionals. The Borough intends to negotiate this Agreement in good faith, and it is expected that an Agreement will be finalized in the next several months. Nothing in this letter serves

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as any waiver of the right to intervene in proceedings before the PUC relating to the acquisition, or to make any relevant objections in the interest of Borough residents.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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