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October 21, 2019

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265



In re: Docket No. A-2019-3009052

Application of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. pursuant to Sections 1102, 1329 and 507 of the Public Utility Code for Approval of its Acquisition of the Wastewater System Assets of the Township of East Norriton

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

We are counsel to Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. ("Aqua" or "Company") in connection with its above referenced Application, filed with the Public Utility Commission on July 30, 2019, pursuant to Sections 1102, 1329 and 507 of the Public Utility Code, for approval of the acquisition of the wastewater system assets of the Township of East Norriton. The Bureau of Technical Utility Services is reviewing the Application and has asked that we address certain requests for additional information. We addressed several requests in a letter filed with you on August 9, 2019. The remaining requests are addressed hereinafter.

INFORMATION REQUEST:

Checklist Item No. 18.c. – The *pro forma* tariff in the Application's Exhibit G does not appear to identify rates equal to certain existing rates of the seller referred to in the Application's Exhibit H. Provide either a revised *pro forma* tariff containing the existing rates of the seller or copies of effective ordinance(s) and/or resolution(s), including exhibits, repealing or amending the following East Norriton wastewater rates:

- a. §162-22.A., regarding rates for metered water users;
- b. §162-22.B., regarding rates for customers connected to the sewer system and receiving unmetered water service;
- c. §162-22.C., regarding volumetric rates for customers served by a shared lateral being determined by dividing the customers' total water usage by the number of customers served by the shared lateral;
- d. §162-23.B., regarding an additional charge for certain industrial wastes;
- e. §162-24.A.(3), regarding rate reductions for customers with deduct meters; and

f. Additionally, Exhibit H does not identify the rates for East Norriton customers connected to Whitpain Township indicated in the Application's Exhibit G as Special Charges.

RESPONSE:

- a. Please see the current rate ordinances provided with our letter of August 9, 2019 addressing Checklist Item No. 18.b.
- b. Please see the current rate ordinances provided with our letter of August 9, 2019 addressing Checklist Item No. 18.b.
- c. Please see the attached letter from East Norriton Township dated August 12, 2019 stating that it does not have customers that fit this classification.
- d. Please see the attached letter from East Norriton Township dated August 12, 2019 stating that it does not have customers that fit this classification.
- e. Deduct meters are a billing determinant and not a separate rate. East Norriton Township nets out deduct meter reading consumption against total consumption.
- f. The rates charged to approximately 9 customers connected to Whitpain Township mains are subject to agreements between East Norriton Township and Whitpain Townships, included in the Application as Exhibits F2 and F4. Under these agreements Whitpain Township charges East Norriton Township based on Whitpain's rates. East Norriton then pays Whitpain those charges. East Norriton then bills these residents the amounts paid to Whitpain. Aqua is requesting assignment of these contracts and is implementing the rates that these customers are currently charged. The Whitpain Ordinance reflecting these rates is included with this letter.

INFORMATION REQUEST:

Checklist Item No. 22.a. – The Application's Section VIII, Paragraph 45 indicates the service area comprising the requested territory is consistent with East Norriton's service area and complies with the DEP-approved Act 537 Plan and Aqua is not proposing to expand beyond the existing plant footprint. However, the Application's Exhibit A, "Map of Requested Territory Including A Bearing and Angle Description", includes areas designated for other uses (e.g., on-lot disposal, streams/wetlands/detention basins and permanently protected) by the 2006 Plan Update and appears to contain area beyond the existing plant footprint. Please reconcile this apparent conflict or provide a revised requested service territory map with a revised boundary description, compliant with Figure 3-2 of the 2006 Plan Update provided in the Application's Exhibit P1.

RESPONSE:

A Revised Application Exhibit A "Map of Requested Territory Including A Bearing and Angle Description" is included with this letter. The Revised Map excludes areas designated for other uses by the 2006 Plan Update. It includes customer residents of East Norriton Township

located along the Township borders with Plymouth Township and with Whitpain Township. The mains that these border customers are connected to are owned by Plymouth Township and Whitpain Township, respectively. The service laterals within the East Norriton Township rights of way that connect the border residents to the Plymouth and Whitpain Township mains are owned by East Norriton Township. Correspondence between East Norriton Township and Plymouth and Whitpain Townships confirming East Norriton Township's ownership of the laterals within the rights of way is included with this letter.

INFORMATION REQUEST:

Checklist Item No. 22.e. – The Application's Exhibit A indicates APW is proposing a requested service territory beyond the limits of the existing plant footprint. While Page 10 Paragraph 46 of the Application provides web link addresses for the East Norriton Township and Montgomery County Comprehensive Plans, no evidence that the Application is consistent with these plans is provided. Please provide evidence the Application's proposed wastewater service territory is consistent with the East Norriton Township and Montgomery County Comprehensive Plans.

RESPONSE:

Please see the attached letters from East Norriton Township, dated October 9, 2019, and Montgomery County, dated October 9, 2019.

In addition to the foregoing, we have become aware that the Confidential Work Paper Files 13, 14 and 15, in Excel Format, of Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC, included with the Application on July 30, 2019, are incorrect. A Confidential CD with Confidential replacement Files 13, 14 and 15, in Excel Format, is included with this letter. Gannett Fleming considers its Work Paper Files, in Excel Format, to be Confidential and Proprietary.

The Verification of William C. Packer verifying the foregoing and the facts set forth in our letter of August 9, 2019, is attached hereto.

Aqua believes that, with this letter and accompanying documentation, it has complied with the Bureau of Technical Utility Services requests for supplemental information and asks that the Public Utility Commission acknowledge that the Application has been perfected.

Please contact me with any questions about this matter.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS, NIESEN & THOMAS, LLC

Thomas T. Niesen

cc: Certificate of Service (w/encl.)

Alexander R. Stahl, Esquire (via email, w/encl.)

Thomas S. Wyatt, Esquire (via email, w/encl.)

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP LETTER DATED AUGUST 12, 2019

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August 12, 2019

Alexander R. Stahl Regulatory Counsel Aqua America Inc 762 W Lancaster Avenue Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

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66 Pa. C.S. Section 12329 Application Completeness Review

Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc.

East Nomiton Township Wastewater System Acquisition at Docket No. A-2019-3009052

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Dear Mr. Stahl,

Regarding East Norriton Township's code determining sewer system rates, please be advised as follows:

- 1. §162-22.C., regarding volumetric rates for customers served by a shared lateral We have no customers in this rate category.
- 2. §162-23.B., regarding an additional charge for certain industrial wastes. We have no customers in this rate category.

Please let me know if any additional information is required.

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Sincerely,

David A. Crist
Director of Finance

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WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION No. 1273

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SANITARY SEWER RATES TO BE CHARGED COMMENCING APRIL 1, 2019

WHEREAS, pursuant to §2511 of the Second Class Township Code, Act of May 1, 1933 (P.L. 103, No. 69) as amended, and Chapter 122, §122-15 and §122-40 of the Code of the township of Whitpain, by which authority, the Board of Supervisors are authorized by law to impose a quarterly charge, by Resolution, upon all persons whose property is connected to the Whitpain Township public sanitary sewer system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and it is hereby RESOLVED by the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP that effective April 1, 2019 the Sewer Rentals for each quarter shall be as follows:

Section-1: Sewer Rentals. Effective April 1, 2019 and thereafter, the quarterly sewer rentals for properties connected to the public sanitary sewer system in Whitpain Township shall be predicated upon usage pursuant to the following Schedule of Sewer Rents:

SCHEDULE OF SEWER RENTS

Quarterly Rate Use Residential \$95 for the first 20,000 gallons with a flat surcharge of \$23.75 thereafter; Multi-Family/Unit \$95 per unit for the first 20,000 gallons with a flat surcharge of \$23.75 thereafter, Multi-Family/Club \$168 for the first 12,000 gallons and \$8 for each additional 1,000 gallons or any portion thereof; \$168 for the first 12,000 gallons and \$8 Commercial for each additional 1,000 gallons or any portion thereof;

Hotel/Motel

\$168 for the first 12,000 gallons and \$8 for each additional 1,000 gallons or any portion thereof;

School

\$168 for the first 12,000 gallons and \$8 for each additional 1,000 gallons or any portion thereof;

Municipal

\$168 for the first 12,000 gallons and \$8 for each additional 1,000 gallons or any portion thereof.

Section Two: Effective Date. The effective date of this Schedule of Sewer Rents shall be April 1, 2019.

ENACTED and RESOLVED by the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP this 19th day of February, 2019.

WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

Roman M. Pronczak, P.E

Township Manager

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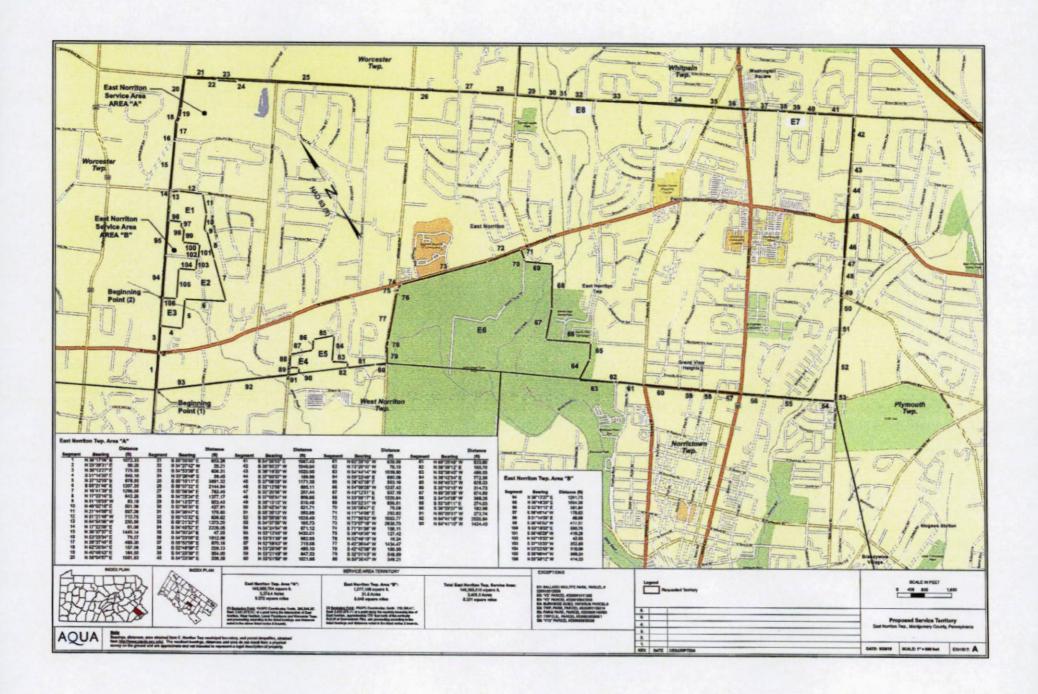
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CORRESPONDENCE OF EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP AND PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP RE OWNERSHIP OF SERVICE LATERALS

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RE: East Norriton Ownership and Maintenance of Sewer Laterals in East Norriton's Right of Way

Dear Karen.

I am writing you regarding the ownership of certain sewer service laterals in the right of way of East Norriton Township ("East Norriton"). Currently, per an agreement dated August 13, 1991, between East Norriton Township and Plymouth Township ("Plymouth"), East Norriton and Plymouth have agreed that certain properties in their respective townships will send flows through the mains owned by the other township. Additionally, due to the existence of certain mains, certain customers in East Norriton have connected into mains owned by Plymouth.

The mains that these East Norriton residents are connected to are owned by Plymouth, but are in East Norriton's right of way. It is East Norriton's position that it owns the portion of the sewer lateral in the public rights of way within its municipal boundary, which includes that portion of the sewer laterals in the rights of way for these East Norriton customers that are connected to the Plymouth owned main.

East Norriton is selling its sewer assets to Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. ("Aqua"), which includes these sewer laterals in the rights of way of East Norriton. Per the August 13, 1991 agreement East Norriton bills these customers connected to the Plymouth mains at East Norriton rates. Upon closing of the transaction, Aqua will own and perform all repairs, operations and maintenance relating to the sewer assets within East Norriton and Aqua will similarly own and perform such duties concerning the sewer laterals of the East Norriton residents in the rights of way connecting to the Plymouth owned mains.

Aqua will coordinate any repairs or maintenance with East Norriton and Plymouth following the closing of the transaction. Please confirm that the above is consistent with your understanding.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 610-275-2800.

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Robert R. Hart, Esq. Township Manager **From:** Robert Hart < rhart@eastnorritontwp.org > **Date:** September 27, 2019 at 11:00:58 AM EDT

To: "SHEARERS@pfm.com" <SHEARERS@pfm.com>, "thomas.wyatt@obermayer.com"

<thomas.wyatt@obermayer.com>, David Crist <dcrist@eastnorritontwp.org>

Subject: Fwd: letter

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Weiss, Karen" < KWeiss@plymouthtownship.org>

Date: September 27, 2019 at 10:47:31 AM EDT **To:** Robert Hart <<u>rhart@eastnorritontwp.org</u>>

Cc: Margaret Thomas < mthomas@eastnorritontwp.org >

Subject: FW: letter

Good morning Bob,

In response to the attached letter, I am confirming that Plymouth Township does not own any <u>sewer</u> <u>laterals</u> connected to its mains, whether in a street right-of-way (or on private property).

Regards, Karen

Karen B. Weiss
Plymouth Township Manager
700 Belvoir Road
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
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CORRESPONDENCE OF EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP AND WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP RE OWNERSHIP OF SERVICE LATERALS

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October 8, 2019

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RE: East Norriton Ownership and Maintenance of Sewer Laterals in East Norriton's Right of Way

Dear Roman,

I am writing you regarding the ownership of certain sewer service laterals in the right of way of East Norriton Township ("East Norriton"). Currently, per an agreement dated July 18, 1994, between East Norriton and Whitpain Township ("Whitpain") and John DiSanto, and an agreement dated September 9, 2007 between East Norriton, Whitpain, and the Automobile Dealers Association of Greater Philadelphia, East Norriton and Whitpain have agreed that certain properties in East Norriton will send flows through the mains owned by Whitpain.

The mains that these East Norriton residents are connected to are owned by Whitpain, but the laterals and pipes that connect to Whitpain's mains originate through East Norriton's portion of the right of way. It is East Norriton's position that it owns the portion of the sewer lateral in the public rights of way within its municipal boundary, which includes that portion of the sewer laterals in the rights of way for these East Norriton customers that are connected to the Whitpain owned main.

East Norriton is selling its sewer assets to Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. ("Aqua"), which includes these sewer laterals in the rights of way of East Norriton. Per the July 18, 1994 agreement and the September 9, 2007 agreement, Whitpain bills East Norriton, and East Norriton pays Whitpain, sewer rentals related to these properties. East Norriton then bills its residents the same amount it was billed by Whitpain. Upon closing of the transaction, Aqua will own and perform all repairs, operations and maintenance relating to the sewer assets within East Norriton and Aqua will similarly own and perform such duties concerning the sewer laterals of the East Norriton residents in the rights of way connecting to the Whitpain owned mains.

Aqua will coordinate any repairs or maintenance with East Norriton and Whitpain following the closing of the transaction. Please confirm that the above is consistent with your understanding.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 610-275-2800 or rhart@eastnorritontwp.org.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Hart, Esq. Township Manager From: Roman Pronczak rpronczak@whitpaintownship.org>

Date: October 9, 2019 at 9:15:55 AM EDT

To: Robert Hart <<u>rhart@eastnorritontwp.org</u>>, Margaret Thomas <<u>mthomas@eastnorritontwp.org</u>> **Cc:** Jim Blanch <<u>iblanch@whitpaintownship.org</u>>, Tom Farzetta <<u>tfarzetta@whitpaintownship.org</u>>, Gus Belmont <<u>gbelmont@whitpaintownship.org</u>>, David Mrochko <<u>dmrochko@whitpaintownship.org</u>>, Bob lannozzi <<u>riannozzi@dischellbartle.com</u>>

Subject: RE: East Norriton-Whitpain Customer Laterals

Good morning Bob,

This is to confirm that your understanding of the ownership and maintenance responsibilities of sewer laterals serving properties in East Norriton Township that connect to the Whitpain Township sewer system described in your letter dated October 8, 2019 is consistent with our understanding. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Take care,

Roman .

Roman M. Pronczak Whitpain Township Manager 960 Wentz Road Blue Bell, PA 19422 (610) 277 - 2400

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October 9, 2019

Thomas F. Rafferty Director, Business Development Aqua America, Inc. 762 W. Lancaster Avenue Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Dear Mr. Rafferty:

Regarding Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater Inc's application to serve portions of East Nomton Township. Montgomery County, please be advised that Aqua's application is consistent with the applicable comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances of East Norriton Township.

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Sincerely,

Robert R. Hart, Eso Township Manager

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October 9, 2019

Mr. Robert R Hart, - Township Manager East Norriton Township 2501 Stanbridge Street East Norriton, PA 19401-1616

Re: Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.
application to serve
portions of East Norriton Township

Dear Mr. Hart:

The planning Commission understands that Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. (Aqua) is submitting an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) to approve the right to offer, render, furnish, or provide wastewater service to the public in portions of East Norriton Township, Montgomery County.

As part of the application process, the PUC requested that Aqua seek the County's determination on consistency of the application with County land use planning. Below is our response.

- 1. Is there an adopted comprehensive plan for the township involved? It is our understanding that East Norriton Township's comprehensive plan was last updated in 2008.
- 2. Is there an adopted county comprehensive plan? Yes, adopted in 2015.
- 3. Is there an adopted multi-municipal or multi-county comprehensive plan? No.
- 4. Is there an adopted County or municipal zoning ordinance or joint municipal zoning ordinance? <u>East Norriton Township maintains its own zoning ordinance</u>. There is no County or joint municipal zoning ordinance.
- 5. Is the proposed project consistent with these comprehensive plans and/or zoning ordinances? <u>It is consistent</u> with the County Comprehensive Plan.

For any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (610)-278-3733 or dshaw@montcopa.org.

Sincerely,

Drew Shaw, AICP

Environmental Planning Section Chief

Montgomery County Planning Commission

VERIFICATION OF WILLIAM C. PACKER

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VERIFICATION

I, William C. Packer, Vice President - Controller of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., hereby state that the facts set forth in the letters of Counsel of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., dated August 9, 2019 and October 21, 2019, addressing information requests of the Bureau of Technical Utility Services in the matter at PaPUC Docket No. A-2019-3009052, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

William C. Packer

Vice President - Controller

Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc.

Dated: October 21, 2019

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 21st day of October, 2019, served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Letter and Additional Information, including Confidential and Proprietary CD with Confidential and Proprietary Gannett Fleming Replacement Files, upon the persons and in the manner set forth below:

HAND DELIVERY

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