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Re: PaPUC Docket No. A-2019-3009052  
Application of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. – East Norriton Township

Dear Ms. Fure:

Enclosed are responses to the Office of Small Business Advocate's Set I Interrogatories to Aqua, Nos. 1 and 2.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS, NIESEN & THOMAS, LLC

By

Thomas T. Niesen

Encl.

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**APPLICATION OF AQUA PENNSYLVANIA WASTEWATER, INC.**

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**OSBA-I-1** Reference Section 7.03 of the Asset Purchase Agreement.

- a. When does the Company now expect the proposed transaction to close (i.e., Closing Date), if approved by the Commission.
- b. Please provide the earliest date the Company may file for a base rate increase, absent changes in policy or statutes that substantially affect the Company's rates, given the stay out period approved by the Commission in Docket Nos. R-2018-3003558 & R-2018-3003561.
- c. Please provide the effective date of new rates, if the Company were to file for a base rate increase on the date identified in the Company's response to part (b).

**RESPONSE**

- A. A final order from the Commission is expected on or around the May 21, 2020 Public Meeting, with a closing to occur in accordance with Article 13 of the Asset Purchase Agreement.
- B. The Company cannot file an application to change base rates until May 1, 2021.
- C. February 1, 2022.

Respondent: William C. Packer  
Date: 12/16/2019

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**OSBA-I-2** Reference the Direct Testimony of William C. Packer at page 11, line 15 through page 12, line 13. Assume for purposes of this question that the second anniversary of the Closing Date of the proposed transaction occurs *after* the effective date of new rates from the Company's next base rate case. Under this scenario, on what date would the Company propose to increase the East Norriton rates shown in Schedule 7.03(a)? Please explain your response.

**RESPONSE**

The Company would propose an effective date for rates consistent with Section 7.03(a) of the APA.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019 served a true and correct copy of the foregoing letter and responses to the Office of Small Business Advocate's Set I Interrogatories to Aqua, Nos. 1 and 2, upon the persons and in the manner indicated below:

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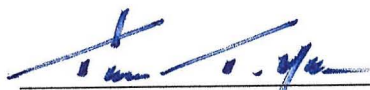
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