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Re: Application of Aqua Pennsylvania :  
Wastewater, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 1102, :  
1329 and 507 of the Public Utility Code for : Docket No. A-2019-3009052  
Approval of its Acquisition of Wastewater :  
System Assets of East Norriton Township :

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the following document: the Office of Consumer Advocate's February 7, 2020 Letter, on the parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

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February 6, 2020

[Customer's Name  
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Docket No. A-2019-3009052

Dear [Customer Name]:

We are sending you this letter because you filed a Protest with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) in this case. We want to notify you of a Joint Petition for Settlement (Settlement) filed with the PUC regarding the application of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. (Aqua) to acquire the East Norriton Township (Township) wastewater system. The proposed Settlement has been agreed to by Aqua, the Township, the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), and the Office of Small Business Advocate to resolve the issues raised in this case. A copy of the Settlement and supporting documents is attached to this letter. **If you have any comments regarding the Settlement, you must submit them to Administrative Law Judge Angela T. Jones and the Secretary of the PUC, postmarked no later than February 18, 2020.**

Please review the Settlement in full. This brief summary listing some points of the Settlement is provided for your convenience only and is not to replace your full review. The Settlement, if approved, would do the following:

- Allow Aqua to acquire the Township's wastewater system assets and begin to provide wastewater service in the areas currently served by East Norriton Township.
- Allow Aqua to add \$20,750,000 to its rate base pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 1329. A utility's rate base is the value of property used by the utility to provide service to its customers and is one of several components used to establish customer rates. Aqua's original request was a rate base addition of \$21 million.
- Require Aqua to provide a separate cost of service study for the East Norriton system in its next base rate case, which will help in setting rates that reflect costs for that system.

- In Aqua’s next base rate case, the parties will address the timing of rate changes for the former East Norriton customers. Rate changes for all Aqua customers (water and wastewater) will depend on the actual rate increase approved by the PUC in Aqua’s next base rate case and how the PUC chooses to apportion any increase among different types of utility service, rate zones and classes of customers.

**Because you filed a Protest in this case, you have the following options:**

1. You may join in the proposed Settlement. Sign and return the Signature Page (enclosed with this letter). Signing the Signature Page means that you agree to have your Protest marked closed if the Settlement is approved without any changes.
2. You may object to the proposed Settlement. Send a letter explaining your objections.
3. You may choose to do nothing.

This is your opportunity to express your opinion, if you wish, on the proposed Settlement before Judge Jones issues her Recommended Decision for the PUC’s consideration. Your signature page or objections should **include the PUC docket number A-2019-3009052** and must be **postmarked no later than February 18, 2020** and sent to the PUC’s Secretary, with a copy to Judge Jones, at the following addresses:

If using U.S. Postal Service:

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

If using Overnight/Hand Delivery:

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Honorable Angela T. Jones  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Office of Administrative Law Judge  
801 Market Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Suite 4063  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Once the Judge issues the Recommended Decision, you may file exceptions to the Recommended Decision, if you disagree with it. You may not file exceptions if you have signed the Signature Page indicating your agreement with the Settlement, and the Judge subsequently approves the Settlement without any changes.

Please carefully review the proposed Settlement. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us toll-free at (800) 684-6560 or by email at [consumer@paoca.org](mailto:consumer@paoca.org). Thank you for your time and interest in the matter.

Very truly yours,

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**SIGNATURE PAGE**

Please sign this sheet if you would like to join in the Joint Petition for Settlement signed by Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., East Norriton Township, the Commission’s Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and the Office of Small Business Advocate regarding the application of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. for approval to acquire East Norriton Township’s wastewater system assets, Docket No. A-2019-3009052.

By adding my signature below, I am indicating that I have read the terms of the Settlement Agreement and join in the Settlement. I am willing to allow the terms of the Settlement to resolve my Protest in this matter if the Public Utility Commission approves the Settlement without modification.

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**Please Print Your Full Name**

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**Please Sign Your Full Name**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Write Your Address Here:**  
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