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

Re: Application of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. pursuant to Sections 507, 1102, and 1329 of the Public Utility Code for, inter alia, approval of the acquisition of the wastewater system assets of the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority, Docket No. A-2019-3015173

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding please find the Prehearing Memorandum of Lower Chichester Township.

This document is being served on the Administrative Law Judge and all parties of record. The document was filed electronically with the Commission on this date.

Sincerely,

Statt Kulain

Enclosure

cc: Angela Jones, Administrative Law Judge

All parties of record

## BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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## PREHEARING MEMORANDUM OF LOWER CHICHESTER TOWNSHIP

In accordance with the Administrative Law Judge's Further Corrected Prehearing

Conference Order dated August 17, 2020, and 52 Pa. Code § 5.222(d)(1), Lower Chichester

Township ("Lower Chichester") hereby files this Prehearing Memorandum and provides the

following information to the Administrative Law Judge and the active parties to this proceeding.

<u>Procedural History:</u> On August 7, 2020, Lower Chichester filed a Protest against the proposed acquisition of the wastewater assets of Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority ("DELCORA") by Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. ("Aqua").

Issues: Lower Chichester has reviewed Aqua's Application and exhibits, the direct testimony of witnesses from Aqua and DELCORA, and numerous responses to interrogatories provided by Aqua and DELCORA (including responses to discovery propounded by Lower Chichester). Based on that information, Lower Chichester intends to address the following issues:

 Whether DELCORA has the right to transfer to Aqua the property used to serve Lower Chichester;

- Whether an agreement exists between Aqua and Lower Chichester that Aqua is permitted to file with the Commission under 66 Pa. C.S. § 507;
- Whether it is consistent with the public convenience and necessity for Aqua to acquire the assets and contract rights of DELCORA;
- Whether Aqua's acquisition of the assets and contract rights of DELCORA would affirmatively promote the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public in some substantial way; and
- Whether it is consistent with the public interest, the law, and the Pennsylvania Constitution for Aqua to acquire the assets of DELCORA without providing appropriate credit to customers who contributed property to DELCORA.

Witnesses: Lower Chichester intends to provide written direct testimony from Joseph Possenti, Township Manager, business address: 1410 Market St., Linwood, PA 19061, business phone: (610) 485-1472.

Service List: Lower Chichester requests that its entry on the service list should be for its counsel, as follows:

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Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1.54(b)(3), counsel consents to the electronic service of all documents at the e-mail address shown above.

Settlement: Lower Chichester is willing to discuss full or partial settlements or stipulations with Aqua and/or DELCORA to attempt to limit the issues that must be litigated before this Commission.

<u>Schedule</u>: Counsel for Lower Chichester has been working with counsel for other parties to develop a schedule for this proceeding. It is hoped that a consensus schedule will be provided to the Administrative Law Judge at or before the prehearing conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 31, 2020

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the following parties by electronic mail. Service by first-class mail will be provided to any party that requests such service.

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