**BEFORE THE**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTLIITY COMMISSION**

Application of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. :

for Approval of its Acquisition of Delaware County :

Regional Water Quality Control Authority’s : A-2019-3015173

Wastewater Assets, inter alia, Pursuant to Sections :

507, 1102 and 1329 of the Public Utility Code :

**ORDER CLOSING RECORD**

Abbreviated Procedural History

By Secretarial letter dated December 30, 2019, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) acknowledged receipt of Aqua’s Letter/Notice of Licensed Engineer and Utility Valuation Expert Engagement Concerning Acquisition of the DELCORA, Delaware and Chester Counties Sanitary Wastewater Collection and Treatment System, filed on December 26, 2019, at this docket. Aqua requested Commission approval of its acquisition of the wastewater system assets of DELCORA and approval of the ratemaking rate base of these assets as determined by Sections 1102 and 1329 of the Public Utility Code. Aqua also requested approval of contracts, including assignments of contracts pursuant to Section 507 of the Public Utility Code. Aqua sent several requests for extension of time to file the requisite data for the application which were granted

On July 27, 2020, the Commission by Secretarial Letter accepted the application as complete for review. This matter was assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge (OALJ).

A telephonic Prehearing Conference took place on September 2, 2020. During the hearing, the Parties and ALJ Jones adopted a litigation schedule and identified other procedures necessary for the conduct of this case. On September 4, 2020, ALJ Jones issued an interim Order, which, *inter alia*, set forth the following schedule for this case:

Public Input Hearings September 16, 2020

Protestant Direct Testimony September 29, 2020

Rebuttal Testimony October 20, 2020

Surrebuttal Testimony November 2, 2020

Evidentiary Hearings November 9 & 10, 2020

Main Briefs December 1, 2020

Reply Briefs December 14, 2020

 In accordance with the foregoing schedule, Main Briefs were filed by the Parties on December 1, 2020, and Reply Briefs were filed on December 14, 2020.

On November 13, 2020, Aqua filed a Motion to Keep the Record Open for the Limited Purpose of Admitting the Decision of the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County at No. CV-2020-003185 (Motion), along with an attached Notice to Plead.

On December 2, 2020, the County of Delaware, Pennsylvania filed an Answer in Opposition to the Motion.

On December 7, 2020, we issued an Order denying the Motion.

THEREFORE;

IT IS ORDERED:

That the record in this case closed on December 14, 2020, upon receipt of the Parties’ Reply Briefs.

Date: December 21, 2020 /s/

 Angela T. Jones

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 Administrative Law Judges

**A-2019-3015173 - APPLICATION OF AQUA PA PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 1102 AND 1329 OF THE PA CODE FOR THE ACQUISITION BY AQUA OF THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM ASSETS OF DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL AUTHORITY**

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