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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 please find the Joint Stipulation of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., Trainer Borough, and Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority in the above-referenced proceeding.

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

Sincerely,

Stott Kulain

Enclosure

cc: Angela Jones, Administrative Law Judge

F. Joseph Brady, Administrative Law Judge

All parties of record

# BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Application of Aqua Pennsylvania

Wastewater, Inc. pursuant to Sections 1102, : Docket No. A-2019-3015173

1329 and 507 of the Public Utility Code for

Wastewater system assets of the Delaware

County Regional Water Quality Control

Authority

# JOINT STIPULATION OF AQUA PENNSYLVANIA WASTEWATER, INC., TRAINER BOROUGH AND DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL AUTHORITY

Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. ("Aqua"), Trainer Borough ("Trainer") and Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority ("DELCORA"), (collectively "the Stipulating Parties"), pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.234, enter into a Joint Stipulation to resolve their differences with regard to the above-captioned Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") proceeding ("Application Proceeding"). The Parties stipulate and agree as follows:

### STIPULATION TERMS

- 1. Trainer has protested the above-captioned Application proceeding, presented testimony, and litigated certain contractual issues relating to the proposed acquisition of DELCORA's system assets by Aqua ("Proposed Transaction"). This Joint Stipulation between and among the Stipulating Parties resolves all issues associated with Trainer's Protest of the Application Proceeding.
- 2. Pursuant to an existing Agreement of Sale and Service, Application Exhibit F137 ("Agreement"), DELCORA provides retail wastewater service to residents and commercial customers located in Trainer utilizing a collection system previously sold to DELCORA by Trainer. In the Agreement, Trainer reserved rights relative to the collection system. Pursuant to

those reserved rights, in the event DELCORA ceases to operate the collection system, the collection system shall revert to Trainer's ownership, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

- 3. The Stipulating Parties agree as follows:
- A. In a separate filing made concurrently with the filing of this Joint Stipulation, Trainer will withdraw its Protest to the Application.
- B. If the Commission issues an order granting the relief requested in the Application Proceeding, and Aqua and DELCORA proceed to closing on the Proposed Transaction, then at the time of closing (i) Trainer and DELCORA will terminate their current service agreement under which DELCORA provides wastewater service to customers in Trainer, (ii) Aqua will provide Trainer monetary compensation, and (iii) Trainer will terminate with prejudice any outstanding litigation related to the Proposed Transaction.
- C. Upon closing of the Proposed Transaction, (i) all customers in Trainer will become retail customers of Aqua, taking service in accordance with the provisions of Aqua's tariffs applicable to retail customers in the former DELCORA service area; and (ii) Aqua, consistent with the Public Utility Code and its Commission tariff, will provide Trainer customers with any and all benefits available to former DELCORA customers, including but not limited to, applying payments from the trust established by DELCORA in the DELCORA Rate Stabilization Fund Trust Agreement dated December 27, 2019.
- 4. Aqua, DELCORA and Trainer request approval of this Stipulation by the Administrative Law Judges and the Commission, which eliminates the need for the Commission to consider the Agreement between DELCORA and Trainer under Section 507 of the Public Utility Code in this Application Proceeding.

### Respectfully submitted,

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the attached 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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