EXHIBIT X

TESTIMONY OF HAROLD WALKER, III

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FAIR MARKET VALUE APPRAISAL

DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL AUTHORITY WASTEWATER SYSTEM ASSETS

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1		INTRODUCTION
2	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD.
3	A.	My name is Harold Walker III and my business address is 1010 Adams Avenue, Audubon,
4		Pennsylvania.
5	Q.	BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?
6	A.	I am employed by Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC ("Gannett
7		Fleming") as Manager, Financial Studies.
8	Q.	WOULD YOU DESCRIBE BRIEFLY GANNETT FLEMING?
9	A.	Yes. Since 1915, Gannett Fleming and its predecessors have been helping clients in public
10		pricing policy and related financial matters for managerial purposes, before regulatory
11		commissions and courts of law. Gannett Fleming is registered as a Utility Valuation Expert
12		("UVE") in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Gannett Fleming is also a registered
13		Municipal Advisor with the SEC and I am a licensed Municipal Advisor Representative
14		(Series 50) with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") and the Financial
15		Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). Gannett Fleming is a subsidiary of Gannett
16		Fleming, Inc.
17	Q.	WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS MANAGER, FINANCIAL STUDIES
18		OF GANNETT FLEMING?
19	Α.	I supervise and develop financial and economic studies on behalf of investor-owned and
20		municipally owned water, wastewater, electric, natural gas distribution and transmission,
21		oil pipeline, and telephone utilities, as well as resource-recovery companies.

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS AND YOUR EDUCATIONAL
 BACKGROUND AND EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE?

- 3 A. My educational background, business experience and qualifications are provided in a
 4 Curriculum Vitae included as Appendix A.
- 5 Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA
 6 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION?
- A. Yes. I have testified before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission"
 or "PUC"), as well as other state regulatory commissions, on many occasions, as shown on
 Appendix A.
- 10 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

11 My testimony describes and explains the fair market value appraisal of the Delaware A. 12 County Regional Water Quality Control Authority's ("DELCORA") wastewater system 13 assets ("Wastewater System") that I and staff, working under my direction, performed. 14 Gannett Fleming was engaged by Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. ("Aqua") to 15 perform this appraisal. Our report is entitled "Delaware County Regional Water Quality 16 Control Authority Wastewater System Assets Fair Market Value Appraisal at December 17 31, 2019." The appraisal and its report was developed to meet the criteria established in Section 1329 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code ("Code"), 66 Pa. C.S. § 1329 18 19 ("Determination of the fair market value of water and wastewater assets").

In its 2015-2016 legislative session, the Pennsylvania Legislature passed Act 12 of 2016 and Governor Wolf signed Act 12 into law adding Section 1329 of the Code which 22 established the legislative requirements facilitating the acquisition of municipal and 23 regional water and wastewater systems by private investor-owned utilities and other

5	Q.	IS GANNETT FLEMING ON THE COMMISSION'S REGISTRY OF UTILITY
4		QUALIFICATION AS UTILITY VALUATION EXPERT
3		improvements to the water and or wastewater properties.
2		facilitate the acquisition of water and wastewater systems in order to facilitate capital
1		entities which are rate-regulated by the Commission. This legislation was intended to

VALUATION EXPERTS?

7 A. Yes. Gannett Fleming is a UVE in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approved by the
8 PUC (Utility Code 9919244).

9 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROCESS BY WHICH GANNETT FLEMING WAS 10 PLACED ON THE COMMISSION'S REGISTRY OF UTILITY VALUATION 11 EXPERTS.

12 A. After passage of Section 1329 of the Code, the Commission established an application 13 process by which the Commission would approve and designate firms to be placed on the Commission's "Registry of Utility Valuation Experts." To be included on the registry, the 14 15 UVEs must establish their qualifications. Gannett Fleming submitted its original 16 application and the required proof of experience in September of 2016 and received 17 confirmation and approval from the Commission of Gannett Fleming's placement on the 18 Commission's UVE Registry in December of 2016. Renewal of Commission's UVE 19 Registry must be done annually. Gannett Fleming submitted its 2018 renewal application 20 and the required proof of experience in December of 2017 and received confirmation and 21 approval from the Commission of Gannett Fleming's placement on the Commission's 22 UVE Registry in January of 2018. In 2018, Gannett Fleming submitted its 2019 renewal 23 application and the required proof of experience in December of 2018 and received confirmation and approval from the Commission of Gannett Fleming's placement on the
 Commission's UVE Registry in January of 2019. Again in 2019, Gannett Fleming
 submitted its 2020 renewal application and the required proof of experience in December
 of 2019 and received confirmation and approval from the Commission of Gannett
 Fleming's placement on the Commission's UVE Registry in January of 2020.

6 Q. HAVE YOU EVER HAD YOUR PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS REVOKED 7 OR SUSPENDED?

8 A. No.

9 Q. DO YOU HAVE SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE WITH THE VALUATION AND 10 APPRAISAL OF UTILITY ASSETS?

Yes. In addition to serving as an expert witness on various financial and economic matters 11 Α. 12 before utility regulatory commissions for over 30 years, I have also provided valuation of utility assets services for more than 20 years. In that capacity I have testified on valuation 13 14 matters before the Commission and sponsored or adopted Gannett Fleming's UVE 15 appraisals in Section 1329 of the Public Utility Code in the New Garden Township 16 proceeding, the Limerick Township proceeding, the East Bradford Township proceeding, 17 the Mahoning Township proceeding, the Exeter Township proceeding, the Cheltenham 18 Township proceeding, the East Norriton Township proceeding and the Kane Borough 19 proceeding. In addition to testifying in 1329 proceedings, I have also testified and filed 20 reports on valuation matters in California, Illinois, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania in 21 courts of law and regulatory commissions.¹

¹ An electronic link to the PA PUC Dockets where I have testified in the last two years is provided in response to Section 1329 Application Standard Data Requests 15-d. All other testimony relating to valuation is more than two years old and therefore, is not provided.

Q. HAVE YOU OR GANNETT FLEMING OR ANY OF ITS STAFF DERIVED ANY
 MATERIAL FINANCIAL BENEFIT FROM THE SALE OF THE WASTEWATER
 SYSTEM'S ASSETS OTHER THAN FEES FOR YOUR SERVICES RENDERED?
 A. No.

5 Q. ARE YOU OR GANNETT FLEMING OR ANY OF ITS STAFF AN IMMEDIATE 6 FAMILY MEMBER OF A DIRECTOR, OFFICER, OR EMPLOYEE OF EITHER 7 AQUA OR DELCORA?

- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. IS GANNETT FLEMING IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE
 10 PENNSYLVANIA LAWS?
- 11 A. Yes.

12 Q. DOES GANNETT FLEMING HAVE THE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL

13 FITNESS, INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND TECHNICAL

14 CERTIFICATIONS, TO PERFORM A FAIR MARKET VALUATION OF THE

- 15 ASSETS OF DELCORA?
- A. Yes, to be placed on the Commission's "Registry of Utility Valuation Experts" Gannett
 Fleming had to establish its qualifications.

18 Q. ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY FACT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY

- 19 **POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST THAT WOULD CAST DOUBT UPON**
- 20 YOUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE A THOROUGH, OBJECTIVE, UNBIASED, AND
- 21 FAIR VALUATION IN THIS PROCEEDING?
- 22 A. No.

1	Q.	HAVE YOU CORRESPONDED WITH SELLER'S UVE WITH REGARD TO ITS
2		RESPECTIVE FAIR MARKET VALUE APPRAISAL OF THE ASSETS AT ISSUE
3		IN THIS CASE?
4	A.	No.
5	Q.	DO YOU HAVE ANY AFFILIATION WITH EITHER THE SELLING UTILITY
6		OR THE ACQUIRING PUBLIC UTILITY?
7	A.	No. Other than the current assignment to provide the subject appraisal, I have no business
8		or personal relationships with any party to the proposed acquisition.
9		FEES PAID FOR UTILITY VALUATION EXPERT SERVICES
10	Q.	WHAT IS THE GANNETT FLEMING FEE ARRANGEMENT TO DELIVER THE
11		APPRAISAL?
12	A.	Gannett Fleming is being compensated on an hourly basis. Our fee arrangement is included
13		as Exhibit S1 to the Application. True, correct, and complete copies of Gannett Fleming's
14		invoices to Aqua for this matter, as of the date of Application filing, are also included in
15		Exhibit S1.
16	Q.	WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COMPENSATION THAT GANNETT
17		FLEMING WILL RECEIVE FOR ITS SERVICES IN THIS MATTER?
18	A.	The estimated total compensation that Gannett Fleming will receive for its services in this
19		matter as of the date of Application filing is \$31,250, which represents approximately
20		0.0076% of the fair market valuation. I estimate our fee will total \$100,000 if this
21		proceeding is fully litigated, which represents approximately 0.0245% of the fair market
22		valuation.

1	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROCESS BY WHICH THIS COMPENSATION WAS
2		NEGOTIATED?
3	A.	Gannett Fleming submitted a proposal to provide the required services in December 2019,
4		which Aqua accepted.
5	Q.	ARE THESE FEES CONSISTENT WITH COMPENSATION RECEIVED FOR
6		SIMILAR SERVICES PROVIDED TO OTHER CLIENTS?
7	A.	Yes.
8	Q.	WILL GANNETT RECEIVE ITS FEE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE
9		COMMISSION APPROVES THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION OR WHETHER
10		IT CLOSES?
11	A.	Yes. 66 Pa. C.S. § 1329(a)(3) mandates that I comply with the Uniform Standards of
12		Professional Appraisal Practice ("USPAP") when developing an appraisal. Under the
13		USPAP, I cannot perform the appraisal with bias, and acceptance of a fee contingent on a
14		particular outcome, like closing or Commission approval, would violate the Ethics Rule.
15	Q.	ARE YOU ADVOCATING FOR ANY PARTY OR OUTCOME?
16	A.	No. The Ethics Rule of the USPAP, applicable here pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 1329(a)(3),
17		requires that I perform the appraisal with impartiality, objectivity, and independence, and
18		without accommodation of personal interests. I have not performed this appraisal
19		assignment with bias and I am not advocating the cause or interest of any party or issue.
20		Further, I have not accepted this or any assignment that includes the reporting of
21		predetermined opinions and conclusions.

FAIR MARKET VALUATION OF WASTEWATER SYSTEM'S ASSETS

2 Q. PLEASE IDENTIFY EXHIBIT Q TO THE APPLICATION IN THIS 3 PROCEEDING?

- 4 A. Exhibit Q of Aqua's Application includes Gannett Fleming's appraisal report dated
 5 February 22, 2020.
- 6 Q. HOW DO YOU RECOGNIZE IT?
- A. I personally prepared, and also directed and supervised Gannett Fleming personnel in
 preparing, the report, and recognize it as Gannett Fleming's work product.

9 Q. IS EXHIBIT Q A TRUE, COMPLETE, AND ACCURATE COPY OF YOUR
10 VALUATION REPORT?

11 A. Yes, and I incorporate it into my direct testimony as if set forth in its entirety.

12 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROCESS BY WHICH YOU PREPARED THE

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VALUATION REPORT.

14 A. In accordance with Section 1329 of the Code, Aqua engaged Gannett Fleming to prepare 15 the fair market valuation report of the Wastewater System. Aqua provided financial 16 statements and budget statements from DELCORA regarding the Wastewater System and a copy of the Engineering Assessment² as required by Section 1329(a)(4). In addition, 17 18 Gannett Fleming reviewed the assets, reviewed additional information provided by Aqua 19 and or DELCORA and conducted additional research regarding DELCORA and the 20 Wastewater System, including a site visit. After those activities and data gathering, we 21 developed the appraisal.

² "DELCORA Sewerage Facilities Engineering Assessment and Original Cost" (December 2019) and related files prepared by Pennoni Associates Inc and Weston Solutions, Inc.

1 The appraisal contains a letter of transmittal; a table of contents detailing all the 2 sections of the report and work papers; and a narrative report explaining our methodology 3 and conclusions.

4 The intent of the valuation report is to provide the appraisal results, as well as the 5 entire appraisal work file, in sufficient detail to satisfy the parties' and Commission's review requirements of Section 1329 and the Commission's Final Implementation Order, 6 7 In re: Implementation of Section 1329 of the Public Utility Code, Docket No. M-2016-8 2543193 (Order Entered October 27, 2016) and Final Supplemental Implementation Order 9 In re: Implementation of Section 1329 of the Public Utility Code, Docket No. M-2016-10 2543193 (Order Entered February 28, 2019). In addition to a copy of the appraisal report, 11 I have provided supporting work papers for the appraisal report in Exhibit Q to Aqua's 12 Application. The relevant work papers have also been submitted to the Commission and provided to the public advocates in CONFIDENTIAL live electronic format. 13

14 Q. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU WOULD CHANGE IN THE VALUATION 15 REPORT SINCE ITS PREPARATION?

16 A. No.

17 Q. WAS THE FAIR MARKET VALUATION OF THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM

18 **ASSETS DETERMINED IN COMPLIANCE WITH USPAP?**

A. Yes. Our fair market valuation was determined in compliance with USPAP 2020-2021
Edition.

Q. DID YOU EMPLOY THE COST, MARKET AND INCOME APPROACHES IN PREPARING YOUR VALUATION?

23 A. Yes.

1	Q.	DID YOU INCLUDE ANY EXTRAORDINARY ASSUMPTIONS OR
2		HYPOTHETICAL CONDITIONS IN DEVELOPING YOUR APPRAISAL?
3	A.	No.
4	Q.	DID YOU INCLUDE ANY LIMITING CONDITIONS IN DEVELOPING YOUR
5		APPRAISAL?
6	A.	Yes. We accepted all information and data provided by DELCORA and Aqua as it pertains
7		to this assignment "as is" after a limited review. That is, we neither audited nor verified
8		any data, engineering assessment, financial record or operating data provided for this
9		assignment. We assumed all title to all assets included in the appraisal is good and
10		marketable and no hazardous conditions or materials exist which could affect the assets.
11	Q.	PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR RESULTS OF THE APPLICATION OF THE
12		COST, MARKET AND INCOME APPROACHES.

Approach	Indicated Value	Weight	Weighted Value
Cost Approach	\$399,664,113	33.00%	\$131,889,157
Market Approach	438,337,696	34.00%	149,034,817
Income Approach	387,754,301	33.00%	127,958,919
		100%	\$408,882,893
Conclusion			\$408,883,000

13 A. Please see the below table:

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15 Q. PLEASE FURTHER DESCRIBE EACH APPROACH IN THE DEVELOPMENT

16 **OF YOUR APPRAISAL.**

17 A. We developed our appraisal utilizing the cost, income, and market approaches as required
18 by USPAP and Section 1329 of the Code. We used seven methods under the Cost, Market
19 and Income Approaches to valuation: Original Cost Method, Replacement Cost Method,

Capitalization of Earnings Method, Market Multiple Discounted Cash Flow Method,
 Capitalization Discounted Cash Flow Method, Market Multiples Method, and the Selected
 Transactions Method.

The results from the capitalization of earnings method, market multiple discounted cash flow method and the capitalization discounted cash flow method form the basis for our Income Approach. Our Market Approach is supported by the market multiples method and selected transactions method. The results from the original cost method form the basis for our replacement cost method, and both methods form the basis for our Cost Approach. These approaches are summarized below.

10 *Cost Approach.* The cost approach utilized the original cost method, reproduction 11 cost method and replacement cost method. The replacement cost method was calculated 12 by trending (trended cost method) the asset inventory from the original cost new method. The original cost method determined the original cost new measure of the cost of the assets 13 14 when first constructed based on the information contained in the Engineering Assessment. 15 The original cost new inventory was trended using the Handy Whitman Index of Public 16 Utility Construction Costs for the water industry to produce the reproduction cost new and 17 was converted to replacement cost new after obsolescence was factored. The calculated accrued depreciation was determined for the original cost new and for the replacement cost 18 19 new as of December 31, 2019. The calculated accrued depreciation was based on the 20 assets' attained ages, and the service life of the assets. The cost basis of depreciable assets 21 was reduced annually by the accumulated depreciation to reflect the loss in the service 22 value of the assets since being constructed. All land and land rights were valued at original 23 cost.

1 *Income Approach.* The income approach utilized the capitalization of earning (cash 2 flow) method and the discounted cash flow method. The capitalization of earning method 3 converted a single base economic income number to a value by dividing it by a 4 capitalization rate. The discounted cash flow method used estimates of future debt free net 5 cash flow and discounted them to arrive at a present value or price of the cash flows. The 6 capitalization rate and the discount rate were developed based on market debt and equity 7 rates at the appraisal date. The discounted cash flow method reflected two types of discounted cash flow analyses, the EBIT and EBITDA terminal value model and a 8 9 capitalization of terminal value model.³

10 Market Approach. The market approach was developed based on the market 11 multiples method and the selected transaction method. The market multiples method was 12 based on the market price data of publicly traded corporations engaged in the same or a similar line of business as the Wastewater System. The market price data of these 13 14 comparable publicly traded corporations was used to calculate the market multiples for the 15 comparable publicly traded corporations at the appraisal date. The selected transactions 16 method used certain public information relating to the purchase or sales of businesses 17 involved in the same or a similar business line as the Wastewater System to calculated market multiples at the time of transaction (sale/purchase). The calculated market 18 19 multiples determined by the market multiples method and the selected transaction method 20 were then multiplied by the corresponding Wastewater System financial and operating 21 statistic to produce an indicated value for the Wastewater System.

 $^{^{3}}$ EBIT is earnings before interest and taxes and EBITDA is earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization.

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Q. PLEASE STATE THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS YOU USED IN DEVELOPING YOUR APPRAISAL AND THE SOURCE OF THAT NUMBER.

A. The number of customers I used was 16,473. This customer count number was provided
by Aqua. It should be noted the Wastewater System's service area density (customers to
population of service area) is about 10-times higher than the 3.6 per customer density of
publicly traded water and wastewater systems reflecting the wholesale nature of
DELCORA's business. On an EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Units) basis, the Wastewater
System's service area density is 3.1 people per EDU based on an estimated population of
615,245 and 197,769 EDUs.

10 Q. DID YOU MAKE ANY UPDATES TO YOUR APPRAISAL AFTER IT WAS 11 SUBMITTED TO THE SELLER/BUYER, AND IF SO, WHAT WAS THE 12 UPDATE, WHEN WAS IT MADE, AND WHY WAS IT NECESSARY?

13 A. No.

14 Q. DID YOU PERFORM AN ON-SITE INSPECTION OF THE WASTEWATER 15 SYSTEM?

16 A. Yes. Gannett Fleming viewed the wastewater system assets on February 20, 2020.

17 Q. DID YOU RELY UPON A LICENSED ENGINEER'S ASSESSMENT OF THE

18 TANGIBLE ASSETS OF THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM IN PERFORMING

19 YOUR VALUATION?

A. Yes. Aqua provided a copy of the Engineering Assessment and this information was
incorporated into our Cost Approach in our appraisal.

1 Cost Approach

2 Q. DID YOU USE THE REPRODUCTION COST OR THE REPLACEMENT COST 3 IN YOUR COST APPROACH?

A. We utilized the original cost new ("OCN") to calculate the trended original cost ("TOC")
measures, or the reproduction cost of the depreciable assets by multiplying the OCN by
specific cost indices. We converted reproduction cost new to replacement cost new after
factoring in obsolescence. We used the TOC method because the mandated use of the
Engineering Assessment's original cost essentially dictates the use of TOC over the
reproduction cost or the replacement cost methods.

10 Q. WHAT INDEX, IF ANY, DID YOU USE FOR THAT METHOD?

A. The original cost new inventory was trended using the Handy Whitman Index of Public
 Utility Construction Costs for the water industry to produce the reproduction cost new.

13 Q. UNDER YOUR APPLICATION OF THE COST APPROACH WHAT ASSETS DID

14 YOU VALUE OR TREND DIFFERENTLY FROM OTHER ASSETS AND WHY

- 15 WAS THAT NECESSARY?
- A. Handy Whitman does not publish indices for all plant accounts. Accordingly, in limited
 instances when Handy Whitman plant account indices were not available, we used the U.S.
 Bureau of Labor Statistics, Producer Price Index which best matches the assets being
 trended.⁴

20 Q. UNDER YOUR APPLICATION OF THE COST APPROACH, WHAT YEAR-END

21 DATE DID YOU USE FOR CALCULATING THE DEPRECIATION RESERVE?

A. We used the date of December 31, 2019.

⁴ The plant accounts which Handy Whitman indices were not available included: 390.70 Computer and Software; 391.70 Transportation Equipment; and 396.70 Communication Equipment.

Q. HOW DID YOU DETERMINE THE DEPRECIATION PARAMETERS OF SURVIVAL/RETIREMENT CHARACTERISTICS AND SERVICE LIVES FOR THE UTILITY PROPERTY UNDER THE COST APPROACH?

- 4 A. We determined the average service lives of depreciable assets based on the materials used
 5 for construction and how long the depreciable assets are likely to meet service demands.

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Q. WHY ARE THOSE PARAMETERS APPROPRIATE?

- A. We believe our average service lives of depreciable assets are appropriate based on our
 experience of having determined average service lives for numerous other water and
 wastewater utilities and given the fact they resemble those used by other Pennsylvania
 wastewater companies.
- 11 Income Approach

12 Q. REGARDING YOUR APPLICATION OF THE INCOME APPROACH, WHAT 13 METHOD DID YOU USE TO DETERMINE THE INCOME APPROACH 14 RESULT?

A. I used the Capitalization of Earnings Method, Market Multiple Discounted Cash Flow
Method ("Market Multiple DCF"), and Capitalization Discounted Cash Flow Method
("Capitalization DCF"). I refer to the Market Multiple DCF and the Capitalization DCF
collectively as the DCF method.

19 Q. WHAT ASSUMPTIONS DID YOU EMPLOY TO DEVELOP YOUR INCOME 20 APPROACH RESULT?

A. All general assumptions are listed on page 3 of Exhibit 12, and page 7 of Exhibits 13, 14,
15 and 16.

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Q. DID YOU USE AQUA'S CAPITALIZATION RATE OR THEIR DISCOUNT RATE IN YOUR INCOME APPROACH TO VALUATION?

A. No. Use of Aqua's capitalization rate or their discount rate in an income approach to valuation is not consistent with the standard of value of fair market value because the "buyer" under the standard of value of fair market value is not a specific entity (i.e., Aqua), but rather a hypothetical buyer. Use of Aqua's capitalization rate or their discount rate in an income approach to valuation is only used under the standard of value of investment value.⁵ In accordance with Section 1329 of the Code, the standard of value is fair market value, not investment value.

10 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE CAPITALIZATION RATE AND THE DISCOUNT RATE 11 USED IN YOUR INCOME APPROACH TO VALUATION.

A. The capitalization rate used in the capitalization of earnings method and the discount rate used in the DCF method are related. The discount rate is the opportunity cost rate related to the risk of the cash flows. The capitalization rate is simply the discount rate minus the expected growth rate. If no growth is assumed, the capitalization rate is equal to the discount rate.

As explained previously, under the standard of value of fair market value the "buyer" is not a specific entity (i.e., Aqua), but rather a hypothetical buyer. Accordingly, the hypothetical bidder/buyer may range from large regional municipal authorities ("MUNI") to investor owned utilities ("IOU"). For a MUNI, the appropriate discount rate is the current municipal revenue bond yield on December 31, 2019 of 3.38%. The

⁵ Pratt, Shannon P. "Defining Standards of Value." Valuation 34, no. 2, June 1989. http://www.appraisers.org/docs/default-source/college-of-fellows-articles/defining-standards-of-value.pdf .

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appropriate IOU discount rate is the current net of tax overall cost of capital (weighted average cost of capital) on December 31, 2019 and ranges from 5.91% to 7.16%.⁶

3 For a MUNI, the appropriate discount rate is the current municipal revenue bond, 4 3.38%, because debt is the only major source of capital available to finance an acquisition (developed on Exhibit 20, pages 2-5⁷). Although a MUNI likely carries equity on their 5 6 books (balance sheet), all existing equity is already invested in other assets and therefore, cannot be used to finance an acquisition.⁸ For valuation purposes, an embedded cost of 7 debt, or the historical cost of all debt issuances outstanding is not used because this capital 8 9 is already invested in assets. Whereas the marginal cost of debt, 3.38%, at the valuation 10 date is used in accordance with accepted valuation practice and used for market valuation 11 purposes.

As discussed previously, for an IOU, the appropriate discount rate is the net of tax overall cost of capital (weighted average cost of capital), 5.91% to 7.16% (Exhibit 20, pages 2-7). In this instance, the net of tax overall cost of capital (weighted average cost of capital) is based on the Comparable Group's market value capital structure of 21.8% debt and 78.2% equity, a market cost of debt of 3.37% and a range of market cost of equity of 6.88% to 8.48% based on the Comparable Group's market value CAPM on December 31, 2019.⁹ The Comparable Group's net of tax overall cost of capital (weighted average cost

⁶ Both the American Society of Appraisers, ASA Business Valuation Standards, 2009, and the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts, Professional Standards, 2007, use the same definition: "Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC). The cost of capital (discount rate) determined by the weighted average, at market values, of the cost of all financing sources in the business enterprise's capital structure."

⁷ Exhibit references herein are to the Exhibits in the Gannett Fleming Appraisal Report.

⁸ For example, when a municipal or government entity, such as the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, finances construction of a road or bridge, they only consider the marginal debt cost despite having "equity" reflected on their books (balance sheet).

⁹ For example of the net of tax overall cost of capital, see <u>http://www.investinganswers.com/financial-dictionary/financial-statement-analysis/weighted-average-cost-capital-wacc-2905</u>. Also see

1 of capital) is used as a proxy to conform to the "hypothetical buyer" or "hypothetical seller" 2 of fair market valuation. Use of the buyer's net of tax overall cost of capital (weighted 3 average cost of capital) would produce an investment valuation, not a fair market valuation. 4 The supporting documentation for the development of the MUNI and IOU discount rates 5 are shown on pages 2 to 8 of Exhibit 20.

6 WHY IS THE NET OF TAX OVERALL COST OF CAPITAL APPROPRIATE TO **Q**. 7 **USE?**

8 The net of tax overall cost of capital is appropriate because the cash flows being discounted A. 9 are after tax, or net of tax. The income approach uses estimates of future free cash flow and 10 discounts them to arrive at a present value or price of the cash flows. Generally, this analysis begins with an estimate of the Debt Free Net Cash Flow over the next five to 11 12 twenty years along with a terminal value. In each year, the Debt Free Net Cash Flow is 13 comprised of projected EBIT, minus income taxes, plus projected depreciation and 14 amortization, plus or minus projected changes in net cash working capital, less projected 15 capital expenditures.

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Q. WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR THE GROWTH RATE USED TO CALCULATE THE

17 **CAPITALIZATION RATE USED IN THE INCOME APPROACH?**

18 A. The growth rate used to calculate the capitalization rate reflects the growth in the Debt Free 19 Net Cash Flow subsequent to the terminal value year. For DELCORA, the growth rate of 20 0.2% was used based on growth in population. Under both MUNI and IOU ownership a 21 growth rate of 0.2% was used based on the projected growth in population (0.2%), 22 projected inflation (2.5%) and the actual growth in the Debt Free Net Cash Flow in the

http://www.wallstreetmojo.com/weighted-average-cost-capital-wacc/, or http://accountingexplained.com/misc/corporate-finance/wacc.

years prior to the terminal value year. Under MUNI ownership the average growth in the
 Debt Free Net Cash Flow for the last two years prior to the terminal value year was 1.9%
 and 0.5% under IOU ownership. A growth of 0.2% was deemed reasonable based on the
 aforesaid.

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Q. WHAT UTILITY EARNINGS REPORT WAS USED TO CREATE THE CAPITAL STRUCTURE USED IN YOUR APPRAISAL?

7 As documented previously in footnotes 6 and 9, book value capitalization is not used in A. 8 fair market valuation determination. Therefore, we did not use the 6.58% Comparable 9 Group's DSIC (distribution system improvement charge) related net of tax overall cost of 10 capital in our valuation because a "hypothetical buyer" cannot finance an acquisition at 11 such a rate and therefore, its use would provide a meaningless result. The Comparable 12 Group's 6.58% DSIC related cost was determined based the Comparable Group's book value capital structure of 44.8% debt and 55.2% equity, a cost of debt of 3.37% and a DSIC 13 14 cost of equity of 9.95% based on the September 2019 Earnings Report. However, we note 15 the 6.58% Comparable Group's DSIC related net of tax overall cost of capital falls within the 5.91% to 7.16% range of discount rates used in our Income Approach. 16

17If we used the 6.58% Comparable Group's DSIC related net of tax overall cost of18capital in our valuation shown on Exhibit 16, the results of the Capitalization DCF would19show a range of value for Wastewater System of \$257.0 million to \$259.4 million. Further,20the results of the Market Multiple DCF would show a value of \$382.7 million and21collectively, the DCF method based on the IOU ownership scenario and a 0.2% growth22assumption would indicate a value of \$321.0 million for the Wastewater System. The DCF23method based on the MUNI ownership scenario indicates a value of \$453.8 million and the

DCF method based on the IOU ownership scenario indicates a value of \$321.0 million. Collectively, the DCF method indicates a value of \$387.4 million when DSIC is considered.

4 Q. IF YOU USED A TERMINAL VALUE IN YOUR DISCOUNTED CASH FLOW 5 ANALYSIS WHAT IS THE NUMBER OF YEARS OVER WHICH THE CASH 6 FLOWS ARE CONSIDERED?

7 A. The use of a "terminal value" in a Discounted Cash Flow analyses is reasonable and is in 8 accordance with accepted valuation practice. Simply put, the "terminal value" is a 9 mathematical shortcut to avoid having to show and/or calculate annual Debt Free Net Cash 10 Flows for hundreds of time periods, or hundreds of years. Within the Discounted Cash Flow analyses, the "terminal value" is simply a point in the time in which the growth in 11 12 annual Debt Free Net Cash Flows changes from multiple growth rates to a constant growth rate. For example, in our Discounted Cash Flow analyses, the growth rate of annual Debt 13 14 Free Net Cash Flows during time periods 1 through 24 changes multiple times due to the 15 various general assumptions listed in the Fair Market Value appraisal report. Subsequent 16 to time period 24, the growth in annual Debt Free Net Cash Flows is a constant growth 17 rate. Accordingly, period 24, or year 24, is the "terminal value" year in our DCF method.

18 Market Approach

19 Q. REGARDING YOUR APPLICATION OF THE MARKET APPROACH, WHAT 20 METHODS DID YOU USE TO DETERMINE THE MARKET APPROACH 21 RESULT?

A. I used the market multiples method and the selected transaction method.

1Q.WHAT ASSUMPTIONS, ANALYSES, AND/OR ADJUSTMENTS DID YOU2MAKE UNDER EACH METHOD?

- A. The general assumptions used for the market multiples method are listed on page 1 of
 Exhibit 17. No assumptions were made under the selected transaction method.
- 5 Q. REGARDING YOUR APPLICATION OF THE MARKET MULTIPLES
- 6 METHOD, DID YOU LIMIT YOUR PROXY GROUP USED FOR CALCULATING
- 7 MARKET VALUE TO ONLY COMPANIES WHICH ENGAGE IN
 8 PENNSYLVANIA FAIR MARKET VALUE ACQUISITIONS?
- 9 A. No.

Q. REGARDING YOUR APPLICATION OF THE COMPARABLE SALES USED TO ESTABLISH THE VALUATION, DID YOU LIMIT THE TRANSACTIONS SELECTED TO THOSE THAT YOU PREVIOUSLY APPRAISED?

13 A. No.

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14 Q. PLEASE STATE THE COMPARABLE TRANSACTIONS YOU USED IN 15 DEVELOPING YOUR MARKET APPROACH.

- A. Please see Application Exhibit Q (the Gannett Fleming appraisal), Exhibit 18, pages 2 and
 3, which shows that we reviewed the following transactions¹⁰ in developing the selected
 transactions method:
- Sale of the City of McKeesport to Pennsylvania American Water Company in
 20
 2017.
 - Sale of New Garden Township Sewer Authority to Aqua in 2017.
 - Sale of Limerick Township Wastewater to Aqua in 2017.

¹⁰ The years listed indicate when the applicant sought approval or when the Commission approved each of the transactions.

1		• Sale of East Bradford Township Wastewater to Aqua in 2018.
2		• Sale of Mahoning Township Water system to Suez Water Pennsylvania in 2018.
3		• Sale of Mahoning Township Wastewater system to Suez Water Pennsylvania
4		in 2018.
5		• Sale of Sadsbury Township Wastewater to Pennsylvania American Water
6		Company in 2018.
7		• Sale of Exeter Township Wastewater to Pennsylvania American Water
8		Company in 2019.
9		• Sale of Steelton Borough Authority Water to Pennsylvania American Water
10		Company in 2019.
11		• Sale of Cheltenham Township Wastewater to Aqua in 2019.
12		• Sale of East Norriton Township Wastewater to Aqua in 2019.
13		As a check on the transactions I studied, that are listed above, I also reviewed the
14		proposed purchase of Connecticut Water Service, Inc by SJW Group (Exhibit 18 page 4)
15		which was announced in 2018 and approved in 2019.
16	Q.	WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF MARKET APPROACH ANALYSIS YOU
17		PERFORMED?
18	A.	The results of the market multiples method are shown on page 1 of Exhibit 17 and the
19		results of the selected transactions method are shown on page 1 of Exhibit 18. The
20		conclusion regarding the Market Approach analysis is explained on page 47 of our
21		appraisal.

1 CONCLUSION 2 Q. WHAT IS YOUR CONCLUSION REGARDING THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF 3 THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM'S ASSETS TO BE PURCHASED BY AQUA? 4 A. Fair market value is defined as "the price, expressed in terms of cash equivalents, at which 5 property would change hands between a hypothetical willing and able buyer and a hypothetical willing and able seller, acting at arm's length in an open and unrestricted 6 7 market, when neither is under compulsion to buy or sell and when both have reasonable 8 knowledge of the relevant facts." 9 Based on our analysis, as described in our appraisal report, the estimate of the fair 10 market value of the Wastewater System as of December 31, 2019 is \$408,883,000 11 (rounded). The results of the analyses and calculations are summarized in Table 1 for the

12 Systems as follows:

Valuation Approach	Indicated <u>Value</u>		
Cost Approach	\$399,664,113		
Income Approach	387,754,301		
Market Approach	438,337,696		
Table 1			

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15 We used seven methods under the Cost, Market and Income Approaches to 16 valuation: Original Cost Method, Replacement Cost Method, Capitalization of Earnings 17 Method, Market Multiple Discounted Cash Flow Method, Capitalization Discounted Cash

Flow Method, Market Multiples Method, and the Selected Transactions Method.

The results from the capitalization of earnings method, market multiple discounted cash flow method and the capitalization discounted cash flow method form the basis for our Income Approach. Our Market Approach is supported by the market multiples method and selected transactions method. The results from the original cost method form the basis for our replacement cost method, and both methods form the basis for our Cost Approach.

7 We considered the results of each approach as an indicator of value individually, or 8 as independent indicators of value. Therefore, all three approaches to valuation were given 9 consideration in arriving at our estimate of the fair market value conclusion. In our opinion, 10 each of the valuation approaches utilized in our appraisal is relevant. In our opinion each of the valuation approaches utilized in our appraisal is equally relevant. Accordingly, we 11 12 assign an equal weight to the result of each approach. Our conclusion regarding the fair market value can be described by the weightings given the specific results of the three 13 14 approaches to valuation. The results of our analyses, shown on Exhibit 19, indicate a range 15 of value for the Wastewater System of \$387.8 million to \$438.3 million and collectively 16 indicate a fair market value of \$408,883,000 for the Wastewater System.

Q. GENERALLY SPEAKING, IS IT COMMON FOR DIFFERENT APPRAISERS TO REACH VARYING OPINIONS OF FAIR MARKET VALUE?

A. Yes. I do not think the underlying results of the models employed for valuation purposes
are ever the same from one appraiser to another appraiser. Further, the conclusion of value
from one appraiser to another appraiser usually differs as well. I believe these are some of
the reasons the results of the conclusion of value from two different UVEs are averaged
under Section 1329, 66 Pa. C.S. § 1329.

1 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

2 A. Yes.

APPENDIX A Professional Qualifications of Harold Walker, III Manager, Financial Studies <u>Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC.</u>

EDUCATION

Mr. Walker graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance. His studies concentrated on securities analysis and portfolio management with an emphasis on economics and quantitative business analysis. He has also completed the regulation and the rate-making process courses presented by the College of Business Administration and Economics Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University. Additionally, he has attended programs presented by The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts (CFA).

Mr. Walker was awarded the professional designation "Certified Rate of Return Analyst" (CRRA) by the Society of Utility and Regulatory Financial Analysts. This designation is based upon education, experience and the successful completion of a comprehensive examination. He is also a member of the Society of Utility and Regulatory Financial Analysts (SURFA) and has attended numerous financial forums sponsored by the Society. The SURFA forums are recognized by the Association for Investment Management and Research (AIMR) and the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy for continuing education credits.

Mr. Walker is also a licensed Municipal Advisor Representative (Series 50) by Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC., Mr. Walker was employed by AUS Consultants - Utility Services. He held various positions during his eleven years with AUS, concluding his employment there as a Vice President. His duties included providing and supervising financial and economic studies on behalf of investor owned and municipally owned water, wastewater, electric, natural gas distribution and transmission, oil pipeline and telephone utilities as well as resource recovery companies. In 1996, Mr. Walker joined Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC. In his capacity as Manager, Financial Studies and for the past twenty years, he has continuously studied rates of return requirements for regulated firms. In this regard, he supervised the preparation of rate of return studies in connection with his testimony and in the past, for other individuals. He also assisted and/or developed dividend policy studies, nuclear prudence studies, calculated fixed charge rates for avoided costs involving cogeneration projects, financial decision studies for capital budgeting purposes and developed financial models for determining future capital requirements and the effect of those requirements on investors and ratepayers, valued utility property and common stock for acquisition and divestiture, and assisted in the private placement of fixed capital securities for public utilities.

Head, Gannett Fleming GASB 34 Task Force responsible for developing Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 34 services, and educating Gannett Fleming personnel and Gannett Fleming clients on GASB 34 and how it may affect them. The GASB 34 related services include inventory of assets, valuation of assets, salvage estimation, annual depreciation rate determination, estimation of depreciation reserve, asset service life determination, asset condition assessment, condition assessment documentation, maintenance estimate for asset preservation, establishment of condition level index, geographic information system (GIS) and data management services, management discussion and analysis (MD&A) reporting, required supplemental information (RSI) reporting, auditor interface, and GASB 34 compliance review.

Mr. Walker was also the Publisher of C.A. Turner Utility Reports from 1988 to 1996. C.A. Turner Utility Reports is a financial publication which provides financial data and related ratios and forecasts covering the utility industry. From 1993 to 1994, he became a contributing author for the <u>Fortnightly</u>, a utility trade journal. His column was the Financial News column and focused mainly on the natural gas industry.

In 2004, Mr. Walker was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of SURFA. Previously, he served as an ex-officio directors as an advisor to SURFA's existing President. In 2000, Mr. Walker was elected President of SURFA for the 2001-2002 term. Prior to that, he was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of SURFA during the period 1997-1998 and 1999-2000. Currently, he also serves on the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association, Electric Deregulation Committee.

EXPERT TESTIMONY

Mr. Walker has submitted testimony or been deposed on various topics before regulatory commissions and courts in 25 states including: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia. His testimonies covered various subjects including: fair market value, the taking of natural resources, appropriate capital structure and fixed capital cost rates, depreciation, fair rate of return, purchased water adjustments, synchronization of interest charges for income tax purposes, valuation, cash working capital, lead-lag studies, financial analyses of investment alternatives, and fair value. The following tabulation provides a listing of the electric power, natural gas distribution, telephone, wastewater, and water

service utility cases in which he has been involved as a witness. Additionally, he has been involved in a number of rate proceedings involving small public utilities which were resolved by Option Orders and therefore, are not listed below.

Client	Docket No.
Alpena Power Company	U-10020
Armstrong Telephone Company -	
Northern Division	92-0884-T-42T
Armstrong Telephone Company -	
Northern Division	95-0571-T-42T
Artesian Water Company, Inc.	90 10
Artesian Water Company, Inc.	06 158
Aqua Illinois Consolidated Water Divisions	
and Consolidated Sewer Divisions	11-0436
Aqua Illinois Hawthorn Woods	
Wastewater Division	07 0620/07 0621/08 0067
Aqua Illinois Hawthorn Woods Water Division	07 0620/07 0621/08 0067
Aqua Illinois Kankakee Water Division	10-0194
Aqua Illinois Kankakee Water Division	14-0419
Aqua Illinois Vermilion Division	07 0620/07 0621/08 0067
Aqua Illinois Willowbrook Wastewater Division	07 0620/07 0621/08 0067
Aqua Illinois Willowbrook	
Water Division	07 0620/07 0621/08 0067
Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater Inc	A-2016-2580061 *
Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater Inc	A-2017-2605434 *
Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater Inc	A-2018-3001582 *
Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater Inc	A-2019-3008491 *
Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater Inc	A-2019-3009052 *
Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater Inc	A-2019-3009052 *
Aqua Virginia - Alpha Water Corporation	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Blue Ridge Utility Company, Inc.	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Caroline Utilities, Inc. (Wastewater)	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Caroline Utilities, Inc. (Water)	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Earlysville Forest Water Company	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Heritage Homes of Virginia	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Indian River Water Company	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - James River Service Corp.	Pue-2009-00059

Aqua Virginia - Lake Holiday Utilities, Inc.	
(Wastewater)	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Lake Holiday Utilities, Inc. (Water)	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Lake Monticello Services Co.	1 uc- 2009-00039
(Wastewater)	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Lake Monticello Services Co.	1 uc-2009-00039
(Water)	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Lake Shawnee	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Land'or Utility Company	
(Wastewater)	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Land'or Utility Company (Water)	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Mountainview Water Company, Inc.	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Powhatan Water Works, Inc.	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Rainbow Forest Water Corporation	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Shawnee Land	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Sydnor Water Corporation	Pue-2009-00059
Aqua Virginia - Water Distributors, Inc.	Pue-2009-00059
Berkshire Gas Company	18-40
Borough of Hanover	R-2009-2106908
Borough of Hanover	R-2012-2311725
Borough of Hanover	R-2014-242830
Chaparral City Water Company	W 02113a 04 0616
California-American Water Company	CIVCV156413
Connecticut-American Water Company	99-08-32
Connecticut Water Company	06 07 08
Citizens Utilities Company	
Colorado Gas Division	-
Citizens Utilities Company	
Vermont Electric Division	5426
Citizens Utilities Home Water Company	R 901664
Citizens Utilities Water Company	
of Pennsylvania	R 901663
City of Bethlehem - Bureau of Water	R-00984375
City of Bethlehem - Bureau of Water	R 00072492
City of Bethlehem - Bureau of Water	R-2013-2390244
City of Dubois – Bureau of Water	R-2013-2350509
City of Dubois – Bureau of Water	R-2016-2554150
City of Lancaster Sewer Fund	R-00005109

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City of Lancaster Sewer Fund City of Lancaster Water Fund **Coastland Corporation** Consumers Pennsylvania Water Company **Roaring Creek Division** Consumers Pennsylvania Water Company Shenango Valley Division Country Knolls Water Works, Inc. East Resources, Inc. - West Virginia Utility Elizabethtown Water Company Forest Park, Inc. Hampton Water Works Company Hidden Valley Utility Services, LP Hidden Valley Utility Services, LP Illinois American Water Company Indian Rock Water Company Indiana Natural Gas Corporation Jamaica Water Supply Company Kane Borough Authority Kentucky American Water Company, Inc. Middlesex Water Company Millcreek Township Water Authority Missouri-American Water Company Missouri-American Water Company Mount Holly Water Company New Jersey American Water Company

R-00049862 R-2012-2310366 R-2019-3010955 R-2019-3010955 R-00984567 R-00016114 R 00051167 R-2010-2179103 R-2014-2418872 15-cvs-216 R-00973869 R-00973972 90 W 0458 06 0445 G 42T WR06030257 19-W-0168 & 19-W-0269 DW 99-057 R-2018-3001306 R-2018-3001307 16-0093 R-911971 38891 _ A-2019-3014248 × 2007 00134 WR 89030266J * 55 198 Y 00021 11 WR 2000-281 SR 2000-282 WR06030257 WR 89080702J WR 90090950J WR 03070511 WR-06030257 WR08010020

New Jersey American Water Company WR10040260 WR11070460 New Jersey American Water Company New Jersey American Water Company WR15010035 New Jersey American Water Company WR17090985 New Jersey American Water Company WR19121516 GR19030420 New Jersey Natural Gas Company Newtown Artesian Water Company **R-911977** Newtown Artesian Water Company R-00943157 Newtown Artesian Water Company R-2009-2117550 Newtown Artesian Water Company R-2011-2230259 Newtown Artesian Water Company R-2017-2624240 Newtown Artesian Water Company R-2019-3006904 North Maine Utilities 14-0396 Northern Indiana Fuel & Light Company 38770 Oklahoma Natural Gas Company PUD-940000477 Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, LLC 2018-82-S Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. DW 04 048 Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. DW 06 073 Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. DW 08 073 Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company (Gas) **R-891261** Pennsylvania Gas & Water Co. (Water) R 901726 Pennsylvania Gas & Water Co. (Water) R-911966 Pennsylvania Gas & Water Co. (Water) R-22404 Pennsylvania Gas & Water Co. (Water) R-00922482 Pennsylvania Gas & Water Co. (Water) **R-00932667** Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. G-5, Sub 565 Public Service Electric and Gas Company ER181010029 Public Service Electric and Gas Company GR18010030 Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy 19-06002 Presque Isle Harbor Water Company U-9702 St. Louis County Water Company WR-2000-844 Suez Water Delaware, Inc. 19-0615 Suez Water New Jersey, Inc. WR18050593 Suez Water Owego-Nichols, Inc. 17-W-0528 Suez Water Pennsylvania, Inc. R-2018-3000834 A-2018-3003519 Suez Water Pennsylvania, Inc. Suez Water Rhode Island, Inc. Docket No. 4800

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Suez Water Owego-Nichols, Inc.	19-W-0168 & 19-W-0269	
Suez Water New York, Inc.	19-W-0168 & 19-W-0269	
Suez Westchester, Inc.	19-W-0168 & 19-W-0269	
Suez Water Pennsylvania, Inc.	A-2018-3003517	*
Town of North East Water Fund	9190	
Township of Exeter	A-2018-3004933	*
United Water New Rochelle	W-95-W-1168	
United Water Toms River	WR-95050219	
Valley Water Systems, Inc.	06 10 07	
Virginia American Water Company	PUR-2018-00175	
West Virginia-American Water Company	15-0676-W-42T	
West Virginia-American Water Company	15-0675-S-42T	
Wilmington Suburban Water Corporation	94-149	
York Water Company	R-901813	
York Water Company	R-922168	
York Water Company	R-943053	
York Water Company	R- 963619	
York Water Company	R-994605	
York Water Company	R-00016236	
Young Brothers, LLC	2019-0117	

* - Testimony related to valuation

AQUA PENNSYLVANIA WASTEWATER, INC. BRYN MAWR, PENNSYLVANIA

REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF HAROLD WALKER, III

FAIR MARKET VALUE APPRAISAL

DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL AUTHORITY WASTEWATER SYSTEM ASSETS

October 20, 2020

Prepared by: GANNETT FLEMING VALUATION AND RATE CONSULTANTS, LLC



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1		INTRODUCTION
2	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.
3	А.	My name is Harold Walker, III my business address is 1010 Adams Avenue, Audubon,
4		Pennsylvania.
5	Q.	ARE YOU THE SAME HAROLD WALKER WHO PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED
6		TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?
7	А.	Yes.
8		SCOPE OF TESTIMONY
9	Q.	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?
10	A.	Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC ("Gannett Fleming") was engaged
11		by Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. ("Aqua") to perform a fair market value appraisal
12		of the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority's ("DELCORA")
13		wastewater system assets ("Wastewater System"). The purpose of my testimony is to
14		respond to and comment on the direct testimony submitted by the Office of Consumer
15		Advocate ("OCA") witness Ralph C. Smith. My rebuttal testimony is supported by
16		Exhibit HW-1R, which is composed of 5 Exhibits.
17		RESPONSE TO OCA WITNESS SMITH
18	Q.	DID MR. SMITH PERFORM AN APPRAISAL OF THE DELCORA
19		WASTEWATER SYSTEM ASSETS?
20	А.	No.
21	Q.	WOULD YOU PLEASE SUMMARIZE MR. SMITH'S ADJUSTMENTS OF THE
22		GANNETT FLEMING FAIR MARKET VALUE APPRAISAL AND IDENTIFY

1 THE TOPICS THAT YOU WILL ADDRESS IN YOUR REBUTTAL 2 TESTIMONY?

A. Yes. In his direct testimony, Mr. Smith proposed adjustments to the Cost Approach and
the Income Approach to valuation contained in the Gannett Fleming fair market value
appraisal. Mr. Smith also recommended adjustments to the Gannett Fleming selected
transaction method, which is included in the Market Approach to valuation in the Gannett
Fleming fair market value appraisal.

8 It should be noted that Mr. Smith proposed only downward, or negative, 9 adjustments to the Cost Approach, Income Approach and the selected transaction method. 10 My rebuttal testimony addresses Mr. Smith's concerns and recommended adjustments to 11 our Cost Approach, Income Approach and selected transaction method in the Market 12 Approach.

13 Q. DO MR. SMITH'S RECOMMENDATIONS MEET A STANDARD OF VALUE OF 14 FAIR MARKET VALUE?

A. No. Mr. Smith's recommendations do not meet a standard of value of fair market value
and are in direct violation of Section 1329 of the Public Utility Code.

17 <u>Cost Approach</u>

Q. ON PAGE 48 MR. SMITH STATES, "MR. WALKER'S CALCULATED NET
BOOK VALUE ON ORIGINAL COST OF \$191.8 MILLION AT DECEMBER 31,
20 2019 IS \$49 MILLION OR 25.5% LOWER THAN THE \$240.8 MILLION NET
PLANT AMOUNT REPORTED ON DELCORA'S AUDITED FINANCIAL

22 STATEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018." DID DELCORA'S BALANCE OF

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1 NET PLANT ACTUALLY DECREASE BY \$49 MILLION DURING THE TIME

2 **PERIOD REFENCED BY MR. SMITH?**

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3 A. No. Page 29 of the Gannett Fleming appraisal (Application Exhibit Q) states,

We note that DELCORA has historically carried a large balance of construction work in progress ("CWIP") on their balance sheet at year's end over the most recent three years of \$31.3 million in 2016, \$40.7 million in 2017 and \$57.5 million in 2018. We note these facts because the Engineer's Assessment included \$2.3 million of plant additions for 2019 and determined OCN inventory of <u>used and useful plant</u> at a point in time that does not account for CWIP, nor should it have. Accordingly, we believe a substantial amount of CWIP related plant assets are likely to be included in the currently proposed transaction which have not been accounted for under our Cost Approach.

- 15 The "\$240.8 million net plant amount" cited by Mr. Smith **includes** \$57.5 million in CWIP
- 16 while the "net book value on original cost of \$191.8 million" cited by Mr. Smith **excludes**
- 17 CWIP. If the \$57.5 million of CWIP is subtracted from the "\$240.8 million net plant
- 18 amount" cited by Mr. Smith, it produces \$183.3 million which is less than the "net book
- 19 value on original cost of \$191.8 million" cited by Mr. Smith. Accordingly, DELCORA's
- 20 net book value on original cost did not decrease as claimed by Mr. Smith.

21 Q. MR. SMITH RECOMMENDS SHORTER SERVICE LIVES FOR NINE PLANT

22 ACCOUNTS. WHY ARE ASSET SERVICE LIVES IMPORTANT?

A. The estimation of the service lives of the Wastewater System's assets are part of the
valuation of depreciable plant assets under the Cost Approach. Lower or shorter service
lives produce lower appraised value under the Cost Approach.

26 Q. MR. SMITH RECOMMENDS AN ADJUSTMENT TO GANNETT FLEMING'S

27 COST APPROACH. SPECIFICALLY, MR. SMITH RECOMMENDS SHORTER

1 SERVICE LIVES FOR NINE PLANT ACCOUNTS. WHAT IS THE BASIS OF 2 MR. SMITH'S ADJUSTMENT TO GANNETT FLEMING'S COST APPROACH? 3 Mr. Smith's recommendation is based on Aqua's "depreciation rates" for Aqua's existing A. 4 wastewater assets. On page 50 Mr. Smith explains his recommendation, 5 I recommend using the depreciation rates approved in the Company's last 6 base rate case, which were set forth in Aqua's response to OCA-II-10. As 7 shown on Exhibit RCS-2, I recalculated accumulated depreciation using 8 depreciation rates which resulted in an adjusted RCND accumulated 9 depreciation amount. This results in an adjustment to reduce the Gannett Fleming Cost Approach by \$100,465,415, as shown on Exhibit RCS-2. 10 which I carried forward onto my valuation summary that is shown on 11 12 Exhibit RCS-1, column G, line 2. 13 14 DOES MR. **O**. SMITH'S RECOMMENDATION OF USING AQUA'S 15 DEPRECIATION RATES MEET A STANDARD OF VALUE OF FAIR MARKET 16 VALUE? 17 A. No. Mr. Smith's recommendation does not meet a standard of value of fair market value 18 and is a direct violation of Section 1329 of the Public Utility Code and its related enabling 19 legislation.¹ Under the standard of value of fair market value, the buyer is a hypothetical 20 or generic entity, it is neither Aqua Pennsylvania, nor Pennsylvania-American, nor any other specific entity. Mr. Smith's recommendation of using Aqua's "depreciation rates" 21 22 results in a standard of value of investment value, not fair market value. Under a standard 23 of value of fair market value, the appraised value does not differ based on who the buyer is. 24 However, under a standard of value of investment value, the appraised value changes 25 depending on who the buyer is.

¹ Pratt, Shannon P. "Defining Standards of Value." Valuation 34, no. 2, June 1989. http://www.appraisers.org/docs/default-source/college-of-fellows-articles/defining-standards-of-value.pdf.

1 For example, under Mr. Smith's recommendation of using the most recent 2 approved depreciation rates of the buyer, the appraisal value of DELCORA's wastewater 3 system would fluctuate if the buyer were Aqua Pennsylvania or Pennsylvania-American 4 because each has its own unique existing depreciation rates. Under a standard of value of 5 fair market value, an appraised value does not differ based on who the buyer is.

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O. DO AUTHORIZED "DEPRECIATION RATES" PROVIDE AN INDICATION OF 7 THE CURRENT VALUE OF THE UNDERLYING ASSETS?

8 No, authorized "depreciation rates" are prospective rates regarding the future annual A. 9 accrual rate of depreciation. Authorized "depreciation rates" do not provide a measure of 10 the current balance of accumulated depreciation nor the condition of the underlying assets. 11 Under the Cost Approach the balance of accumulated depreciation and the condition of the 12 underlying asset are necessary to determine the value of an asset.

13 Mr. Smith's methodology for determining the current balance of accumulated 14 depreciation involved multiplying the age of each asset by the rate of future accrual 15 (authorized "depreciation rates") to produce the current balance of accumulated 16 depreciation. The defect in Mr. Smith's methodology can be demonstrated by looking at 17 the results produced for individual accounts.

18 For example, Mr. Smith's methodology determines the current balance of 19 accumulated depreciation for account 354.3 (Structures and Improvements – Pumping) to 20 be \$57,066,981 (OCA Exhibit RCS-2). However, the survivor curve for existing Aqua 21 assets in account 354.3 (Structures and Improvements – Pumping) is 60-S1 as shown on 22 Mr. Smith's RCS-8 p 115 (OCA-II-10 Attachment 2). Applying the 60-S1 survivor curve to the assets in the Wastewater System's account 354.3 (Structures and Improvements -23

Pumping) determines the current balance of accumulated depreciation to be \$45,159,857.² 1 2 Accordingly, Mr. Smith's methodology produced a balance of accumulated depreciation 3 that is 26% higher ($$57,066,981 \div $45,159,857$) than determined by the authorized 4 survivor curve. Mr. Smith's methodology produces a similar situation of overstating the 5 balance of accumulated depreciation for the nine accounts he adjusted. In total, Mr. 6 Smith's methodology overstates the balance of accumulated depreciation for the nine 7 accounts he adjusted by \$74,822,949 based on Aqua's authorized survivor curves $(\$360,793,981 - \$285,971,032 = \$74,822,949).^3$ 8

9 Q. DO SURVIVOR CURVES PROVIDE A SUPERIOR INDICATION OF THE 10 CURRENT VALUE OF THE UNDERLYING ASSETS?

11 A. Yes. The determination of depreciation expense for utility assets is a complex process. 12 Utility assets are classified or grouped in accordance with the National Association of 13 Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) uniform system of accounts. This system 14 of accounts defines the capital accounts to be used and the type of assets to be included in 15 each account. This process results in homogeneous assets being grouped into respective 16 accounts based on the function and nature of the assets. For example, mains are 17 accounted for in one account, pumps in another account, structures in another, etc.

18 Despite the fact that homogeneous assets are grouped into separate accounts, the 19 life span of each asset comprising an account is dispersed over a wide range. 20 "Generalized survivor curves are used to describe the dispersion of lives over time."⁴

² See Exhibits 1 and 2 of Exhibit HW-1R.

³ See Exhibits 1 and 2 of Exhibit HW-1R.

⁴ Stout, William M. "A Comparison of Component and Group Depreciation for Large Homogeneous Groups of Network Assets." Presentation to the Accounting Standards Executive Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, August 28, 2002. <u>https://www.sec.gov/comments/4-600/4600-97.pdf</u>

1 Survivor curves are assigned based on statistical analysis of the dispersion of retirements 2 experienced by the property populating each account. "The results of the statistical 3 analyses are similar to those obtained by an actuary analyzing the mortality of human 4 beings."⁵

5 Depreciation studies required by regulators determine changes in probable average 6 service lives of the assets comprising each account by comparing the depreciation reserve 7 (balance of accumulated depreciation) calculated from the survivor curves to the account's book reserve. Differences between these two reserves is remedied through changes to 8 9 authorized service lives which, over time, moves the account's book reserve to being closer 10 to the reserve calculated from the survivor curves. The reason regulators move the book 11 reserve towards the reserve calculated from the survivor curves is to produce the outcome 12 where the assets' economic life match their service life. Since survivor curves best depict 13 average service lives and provide a more accurate balance of accumulated depreciation, 14 their use provides the best measure to determine the current value of the underlying assets.

15 Q. DID MR. SMITH RECOMMEND USING AQUA'S "DEPRECIATION RATES" 16 FOR ALL OF THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM'S PLANT ACCOUNTS?

A. No. Mr. Smith did not recommend using Aqua's existing service lives for four of the
Wastewater System's plant accounts. Aqua's existing service lives are higher for each of
these four accounts than the service lives used in the Gannett Fleming appraisal.
Conversely, in the instance when Aqua's existing service lives were lower than the service
lives used in the Gannett Fleming appraisal Mr. Smith recommended using Aqua's existing
service lives. Therefore, Mr. Smith's recommendation results in using Aqua's existing

5 Ibid.

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service lives only in the instance when they produce a higher balance of accumulated
 depreciation, thus resulting in a lower asset value. Table 1 lists the four accounts where
 Aqua's existing service lives are higher than the service lives used in the Gannett Fleming
 appraisal.⁶

Account No.	Description	Gannett Fleming Survivor Curve	Aqua Rate Case Survivor Curve
361.21	COLLECTION SEWERS - GRAVITY - MAINS	70-R2.5	75-R2.5
361.23	COLLECTION SEWERS - GRAVITY - MANHOLES	65-R3	75-R2.5
363.20	SERVICES TO CUSTOMERS	60-R2.5	70-R4
391.70	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	11-S1.5	15-L3

Table 1

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Q. WHAT WOULD OCA'S ADJUSTMENT TO THE COST APPROACH BE IF AQUA'S "DEPRECIATION RATES" WERE USED FOR ALL OF THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM'S PLANT ACCOUNTS?

9 A. Mr. Smith recommends an adjustment to reduce the Gannett Fleming Cost Approach by
\$100,465,415 (Exhibit RCS-2). If Aqua's authorized survivor curve were used for all of
11 the Wastewater System's plant accounts, OCA's adjustment would reduce the Gannett
12 Fleming Cost Approach by \$21,581,044 (\$392,724,620 - \$414,305,664), which is
\$78,884,371 less than that proposed by OCA (\$100,465,415 - \$21,581,044).⁷
14 However, as stated previously, using Aqua's authorized survivor curves or Aqua's

15 "depreciation rates" results in a standard of value of investment value, not fair market value

⁶ Aqua's existing survivor curves are shown in OCA-II-10 Attachment 2.

⁷ See Exhibit 1 of Exhibit HW-1R.

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and would be a direct violation of Section 1329 of the Public Utility Code and its related enabling legislation.

3 Q. DID MR. SMITH CONDUCT A STATISTICAL ANALYSIS TO SUPPORT HIS 4 RECOMMENDATION FOR USING AQUA'S "DEPRECIATION RATES"?

A. No. Mr. Smith provides no evidence to support that Aqua's assets are comparable to the
Wastewater System's assets. Instead, there are reasons to doubt that they are comparable.
For example, Aqua describes their existing wastewater systems as "relatively small in size
and number of customers" with each "operating division" being "self-sustained" providing
wastewater service to a total population of 64,000.⁸ The Wastewater System wastewater
treatment facilities and collection systems serve more than half million people including
46 municipalities. in Delaware and Chester Counties in southeastern Pennsylvania.

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Income Approach

Q. WHAT ARE MR. SMITH'S CRITICISMS OF THE INCOME APPROACH CONTAINED IN THE GANNETT FLEMING FAIR MARKET VALUE APPRAISAL?

16 A. Mr. Smith disagrees with the manner of determining the "terminal value" used in the
17 Income Approach (DCF model). The end result of Mr. Smith's "re-calculation" of the
18 DCF models is a downward, or negative, adjustment to the Income Approach.

19 Q. DOES MR. SMITH EXPRESS HIS MISGIVINGS CONCERNING THE 20 USEFULNESS OF THE INCOME APPROACH WHEN VALUING PUBLIC 21 UTILITY ASSETS?

⁸ See Exhibit 3 of Exhibit HW-1R, for pages from Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. annual report filed with the PA PUC for the year ended December 31, 2019.

1 A. Yes. On page 52, Mr. Smith explains his belief of why it is inappropriate to apply a 2 capitalization rate concept to estimate the terminal value of a regulated public utility, 3 "[w]hile the use of capitalization rates may be appropriate for an unregulated/non utility 4 business enterprise, this approach is not realistic or appropriate for determining the 5 terminal value of public utilities. The theory underlying the use of capitalization rates is 6 that a firm's net cash flow will grow at a constant rate in perpetuity without significant 7 reinvestment greater than historical depreciation. However, such is not the case for regulated utilities. A regulated utility's net cash flow is a direct function of its plant in 8 9 service."

10 Q. HAS THE PA PUC EXPRESSED MISGIVINGS OR CONCERNS REGARDING
11 THE USEFULNESS OF APPLYING A CAPITALIZATION RATE CONCEPT TO
12 ESTIMATE THE TERMINAL VALUE OF A REGULATED PUBLIC UTILITY IN
13 A 1329 PROCEEDING IN WHICH GANNETT FLEMING HAS BEEN
14 INVOLVED IN?

A. No. Gannett Fleming has applied a capitalization rate concept to estimate the terminal
 value as part of its fair market value appraisal in nine Section 1329 fair market value
 proceedings. The PA PUC has not adjusted the capitalization rate concept in any one of
 the prior proceedings.

19 Q. ON PAGE 52 MR. SMITH CLAIMS, "IN RECENT YEARS, THE DELCORA 20 WASTEWATER NET PLANT BALANCE/AMOUNT HAS BEEN DECLINING." 21 DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. SMITH?

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A. No. Exhibit 1 from Gannett Fleming's appraisal (Application Exhibit Q) shows the
 Wastewater System's net plant increased from \$182.4 million in 2015 to \$240.8 million in
 2018.

4 Q. WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT THE "TERMINAL VALUE" IS IN A 5 DCF MODEL UNDER THE INCOME APPROACH TO VALUATION?

6 Yes. Within the DCF model, the "terminal value" is simply a point in time in which the A. 7 growth in annual Debt Free Net Cash Flows changes from multiple growth rates to a constant growth rate. Within the DCF analysis, the growth rate of annual Debt Free Net 8 9 Cash Flows during time periods 1 through 24 (year 2021 through 2044) changes multiple 10 times due to the various assumptions listed in the Gannet Fleming Fair Market Value 11 appraisal report. After time period 24 (year 2044), the growth in annual Debt Free Net 12 Cash Flows is a constant growth rate. The "terminal value" is simply the present value of 13 future Debt Free Net Cash Flows from time period 24 (year 2044) forward. Under the 14 Income Approach to valuation, a terminal value can also be thought of as the future market 15 value, or future sale price, of existing assets.

16 Q. WHAT DOES MR. SMITH RECOMMEND BEING USED FOR THE 17 "TERMINAL VALUE" IN HIS DCF MODEL UNDER THE INCOME 18 APPROACH TO VALUATION?

A. Mr. Smith recommends using the \$340.646 million net plant value from time period 24
(year 2044) as the terminal value.⁹

⁹ OCA Statement 1, OCA Exhibit RCS-3, page 2 for his Muni scenario and page 3 for his IOU scenario.

Q. IS MR. SMITH'S RECOMMENDED USE OF THE \$340.646 MILLION NET PLANT VALUE, FROM TIME PERIOD 24, AS THE TERMINAL VALUE IN HIS DCF A REASONABLE APPROACH?

4 A. No. The circularity of this recommendation defeats or eliminates the need to appraise 5 plant assets since the indicated value of net cost of the plant assets is simply the net cost of 6 the plant assets under Mr. Smith's recommendation. If this was the appropriate or correct 7 method to value the assets then an original cost less deprecation analysis would be the only method needed to value assets. However, the value of the investment in plant and 8 9 equipment for the DELCORA wastewater system assets is being determined in these 10 proceedings based upon a standard of value of fair market value, not a standard of value of original cost.¹⁰ 11

12 Q. ARE MR. SMITH' CRITICISMS OF, AND HIS PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO, 13 THE GANNETT FLEMING INCOME APPROACH TO VALUATION IN 14 ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED VALUATION PRACTICE?

A. No. The use of a "terminal value" in the DCF model is a mathematical shortcut to avoid
having to show and/or calculate annual Debt Free Net Cash Flows for hundreds of time
periods, or hundreds of years, and is practical and is in accordance with accepted valuation
practice. Conversely, Mr. Smith's proposed alternative of using net plant value from time
period 24 (year 2044) as the terminal value is not in accordance with accepted valuation
practice.

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Q. YOU TESTIFIED THAT "UNDER THE INCOME APPROACH TO VALUATION, A TERMINAL VALUE CAN ALSO BE THOUGHT OF AS THE FUTURE

¹⁰ Pratt, Shannon P. "Defining Standards of Value."

1		MARKET VALUE, OR SALES PRICE, OF EXISTING ASSETS." WHAT
2		EVIDENCE IS THERE THAT NET PLANT VALUE IS NOT A GOOD MEASURE
3		OR PROXY OF THE FUTURE MARKET VALUE, OR SALES PRICE, OF
4		EXISTING ASSETS?
5	A.	Page 1 of Exhibit 17 (column D) of Gannet Fleming's appraisal lists the current market
6		multiples applicable to the corresponding financial and operating statistics of the
7		DELCORA wastewater system. These market multiples and the corresponding financial

and operating statistics of the DELCORA wastewater system that are shown in the Gannett
 Fleming DCF model for IOUs (investor owned utility) time period 24 (year 2044) that

were utilized by Mr. Smith are listed below in Table 2 along with the related indicated

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	Period 24 Statistic <u>From DCF *</u>	Valuation <u>Multiples **</u>	Period 24 Market Multiples <u>Valuation</u>
Gross PP&E	\$924,548,536	1.46x	\$1,349,840,862
Net PP&E	\$340,645,943	1.88x	\$640,414,372
Revenues	\$174,972,239	7.89x	\$1,380,530,966
EBITDA	\$47,905,856	19.08x	\$914,043,727
EBIT	\$30,592,808	27.90x	\$853,539,335

market value applicable to each metric.

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As shown in Table 2, the indicated market value in period 24 (year 2044) applicable to each metric range from \$1,380.530 million to \$640.414 million and collectively proves net plant value (\$340.646 million) is not a good measure or proxy of the future market value, or sales price, of existing assets since the indicated future market value is about 168% higher than Mr. Smith's recommendation of \$340.646 million (year 2044).

Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. SMITH'S ASSERTION THAT A "REGULATED UTILITY'S NET CASH FLOW IS A DIRECT FUNCTION OF ITS PLANT IN SERVICE," FROM PAGE 52 OF HIS TESTIMONY?

9 A. No, not in the context presented in his testimony. The value of the investment in plant and 10 equipment for the DELCORA wastewater system assets is being determined in these 11 proceedings. The appraised value estimated by Gannett Fleming and ScottMadden is 12 \$408.8 million and \$308.1 million, respectively (OCA Exhibit RCS-1). The purchase 13 price negotiated by Aqua and DELCORA is \$276.5 million (OCA Exhibit RCS-1); all of 14 which are considerably higher than the present value of terminal value of net cost of the 15 plant and equipment of \$159.5 million to \$78.6 million used by Mr. Smith (OCA Exhibit 16 RCS-1, pages 2 and 3, respectively).

17 Q. HAS THE PA PUC PREVIOUSLY REJECTED OCA'S PROPOSED USE OF NET

PLANT VALUE AS THE TERMINAL VALUE USED IN THE INCOME APPROACH IN A 1329 PROCEEDING?

A. Yes. The PA PUC rejected OCA's proposed use of net plant value as the terminal value
used in the income approach in the Cheltenham 1329 proceeding (Docket No.
A-2019-3008491).

1 **O**. ON PAGE 53 MR. SMITH STATES, "THE FATAL FLAW IN BOTH THE BUYER 2 AND SELLER UVES' ESTIMATION OF A "TERMINAL" VALUE IS THAT THE 3 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES IN THE LAST YEAR OF THE MODEL ARE MUCH LESS THAN THE DEPRECIATION EXPENSE ON EXISTING PLANT DURING 4 THAT YEAR. THEREFORE, UNDER THESE UVES' ASSUMPTIONS AND 5 MODELING TECHNIQUES, THE DELCORA WASTEWATER UTILITY IS 6 7 DEPRECIATING AND USING UP ITS EXISTING PLANT FASTER, AND TO A HIGHER DEGREE, THAN IT IS MAKING INVESTMENTS TO REPLACE 8 9 THAT PLANT." IS MR. SMITH CORRECT?

10 A. No. Over the course of the 24 year DCF model the depreciation expense totals \$341.8 11 million and the capital expenditures totals \$392.3 million (OCA Exhibit RCS-3, pages 2 12 and 3). In the 24th year (2044) the depreciation expense is \$17.3 million and the capital 13 expenditures are \$17.0 million, a difference of less than 2%. With a net plant balance of 14 \$340.6 million (year 2044) and the small \$0.3 million (\$17.3 - \$17.0) difference between 15 depreciation expense and the capital expenditures, it would take 1,135 years to use up 16 existing plant (\$340.6 \div \$0.3 = 1,135).

Q. ON PAGE 54 MR. SMITH STATES, "AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT RCS-3, PAGES 2
AND 3, I HAVE RECALCULATED THE VALUATION OF THE TERMINAL
VALUE USING THE AMOUNT OF NET PLANT LESS ACCUMULATED
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES (ADIT) REMAINING AT THE END OF YEAR 24.
AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT RCS-3, PAGES 2 AND 3, I HAVE RECALCULATED
THE VALUATION OF THE TERMINAL VALUE USING THE AMOUNT OF

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1 NET PLANT LESS ACCUMULATED DEFERRED INCOME TAXES (ADIT) 2 **REMAINING AT THE END OF YEAR 24." IS MR. SMITH CORRECT?**

3 No. In response to a discover request, Mr. Smith stated, "The annual ADIT balance and A. 4 annual tax depreciation for each year 2021 through 2044 was not used for Exhibit RCS-3." 5 Based on Mr. Smith's discovery response, Mr. Smith did not adjust the terminal value shown on Exhibit RCS-3 and his testimony likely intended to reference Exhibits 6 7 addressing the ScottMadden appraisal, not Exhibit RCS-3. A copy of Mr. Smith's response is included as Exhibit 4 of Exhibit HW-1R. 8

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Selected Transaction Method

ON PAGE 58, WHILE DISCUSSING THE SELECTED TRANSACTIONS 10 **O**. METHOD, MR. SMITH STATES, "SINCE EX-ANTE AMOUNTS ARE 11 12 PROJECTED AMOUNTS AND EX-POST ARE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR COMPLETED TRANSACTIONS, I REMOVED THE EX-ANTE AMOUNTS 13 FROM THE VALUATION CALCULATION AND USED ONLY THE MEDIAN 14 15 OF EX-POST AMOUNTS FOR THE ADJUSTED MARKET VALUATION SHOWN ON EXHIBIT RCS-4, PAGE 1." IS MR. SMITH'S UNDERSTANDING 16 OF THE "EX-ANTE AMOUNTS" AND "EX-POST AMOUNTS" CORRECT?

18 No. The *ex-ante* data is actual data, it is not projected data. *Ex-ante* data is the only data A. 19 known at the time of bid. The selected transaction method relies on and reflects 20 information that was known, *ex-ante*, at the time the winning purchase bid (price) was 21 given. After all, the winning purchase bid (price) could not have reflected ex-post 22 information that was not available when it was made. The metrics (GPPE, NPPE, 23 Customers, etc.) used in the selected transaction method are relative to the time period the

1 bid (price) was made. That is, the metrics are time period sensitive. For example, a 2016 2 bid would likely reflect metrics from 2015 since the results of 2016 would not be known at 3 the time. It is unrealistic for Mr. Smith to suggest that *ex-post* data that only **becomes** 4 available after a bid is made is more appropriate than *ex-ante* financial information in the 5 Market Approach. ON PAGE 58, MR. SMITH STATES, "I REMOVED THE EX-ANTE AMOUNTS 6 **O**. 7 FROM THE VALUATION CALCULATION AND USED ONLY THE MEDIAN OF EX-POST AMOUNTS FOR THE ADJUSTED MARKET VALUATION 8 9 SHOWN ON EXHIBIT RCS-4, PAGE 1." WAS THIS APPROACH 10 **PREVIOUSLY REJECTED BY THE PA PUC?** 11 Yes, an identical approach was recommended by OCA in Cheltenham and it was rejected A. 12 by the Commission. ON PAGE 58, MR. SMITH STATES, "ADDITIONALLY, AS SHOWN ON PAGE 3 13 **Q**. 14 OF EXHIBIT RCS-4, SOME OF THE PURCHASE PRICE AMOUNTS USED BY 15 MR. WALKER DID NOT REFLECT THE FINAL DETERMINATION IN THE **RESPECTIVE ACQUISITION CASE. THE PURCHASE PRICES USED BY MR.** 16 WALKER ARE IN EXCESS OF FAIR MARKET VALUE. AS SUCH, I 17 **RECOMMEND THAT THE PURCHASE PRICES BE REDUCED TO THE** 18

- 19 APPROVED FAIR MARKET VALUE." DO YOU BELIEVE MR. SMITH
- 20 PRESENTED A VALID JUSTIFICATION FOR USING THE RATE BASE VALUE
- 21 AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE ACTUAL PURCHASE PRICES?
- A. No. An identical approach was recommended by OCA in Cheltenham and it was rejected
 by the Commission. The selected transaction method relies on and reflects information

1 that was known at the time the winning purchase bid (price) was given. After all, the 2 winning purchase bid (price) could not have reflected information that was not available 3 when it was made. For McKeesport, the re-negotiated \$159 million or the 4 Commission-approved rate base value of \$158 million was not known at the time of the 5 bid. For Limerick, the correct purchase price of \$75 million was used in lieu of the 6 Commission's determined ratemaking rate base value because \$75 million was the amount 7 bid and paid by the buyer. The same is true regarding McKeesport, the correct purchase price was used in lieu of the Commission's determined ratemaking rate base value because 8 9 the purchase price was the amount bid and paid by the buyer. A Commission determined 10 ratemaking rate base value for an entity does not change the price bid and paid by a buyer. 11 The selected transaction method relies on and reflects information that was known 12 at the time the winning purchase bid (price) was given. Further, as stated, the metrics are 13 time period sensitive. For example, a bid (price) made in 2016 could only reflect metrics

14 from 2015 since the results of 2016 were not known at the time of the bids.

15 ON PAGE 58, MR. SMITH STATES, "USING THE ACTUAL FAIR MARKET Q. VALUE INVOLVED IN THE RESPECTIVE ACQUISITIONS INSTEAD OF 16 **PROPOSED PURCHASE PRICES IS A MORE REASONABLE APPROACH AS** 17 IT REFLECTS THE ACTUAL AMOUNT ULTIMATELY SPENT BY THE 18 19 **RESPECTIVE ACQUIRING COMPANIES. RELIANCE ON PURCHASE** 20 PRICES THAT WERE FOUND TO BE IN EXCESS OF FAIR MARKET VALUE 21 IS NOT REASONABLE." DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. SMITH?

A. No. As stated previously, in Limerick the purchase price was \$75 million, not the
 Commission's determined ratemaking rate base value of \$64 million. Similarly, in

1 Cheltenham, the purchase price was \$50 million, not the Commission's determined 2 ratemaking rate base value of \$44 million. Mr. Smith's claim that the ratemaking rate 3 base determined by the Commission reflects the actual amount spent by the respective 4 companies is simply incorrect. Mr. Smith's approach of "reasonable" is built on emotion 5 not facts. The value of the investment in plant and equipment for the DELCORA 6 wastewater system assets is being determined in these proceedings based upon a standard 7 of value of fair market value, not a standard of value of "reasonable."¹¹

8 Q. MR. SMITH RECOMMENDS THAT ONLY EX-POST DATA RATHER THAN 9 EX-ANTE DATA SHOULD BE USED IN THE SELECTED TRANSACTION 10 METHOD. DO YOU BELIEVE MR. SMITH PRESENTED A VALID 11 JUSTIFICATION FOR DISREGARDING EX-ANTE DATA?

A. No. As I stated above, an identical approach was recommended by OCA in Cheltenham
and it was rejected by the Commission. The Gannett Fleming appraisal uses both *ex-ante*and *ex-post* data. I believe *ex-ante* data is the proper data to use but recognize limited *ex-ante* data exists.¹² Accordingly, the Gannett Fleming appraisal uses both *ex-ante* and *ex-post* data.

17 The selected transaction method relies on and reflects information that was known, 18 *ex-ante*, at the time the winning purchase bid (price) was given. After all, the winning 19 purchase bid (price) could not have reflected *ex-post* information that was not available 20 when it was made. The metrics (GPPE, NPPE, Customers, etc.) used in the selected

¹¹ Pratt, Shannon P. "Defining Standards of Value."

¹² See page 46 of the Gannett Fleming appraisal, "[c]omplete information only exists for a few of the transactions, with only Customers and Population having ample data for all transactions as is evident from the information shown (Exhibit 18, page 2). Therefore, we supplemented the ex-ante data with ex-post information of GPPE and NPPE (collectivity called "Asset Items") as shown on page 3 of Exhibit 18." (Aqua Exhibit Q)

transaction method are relative to the time period the bid (price) was made. That is, the
metrics are time period sensitive. For example, a 2016 bid would likely reflect metrics
from 2015 since the results of 2016 would not be known at the time. It is unrealistic for
Mr. Smith to suggest that only *ex-post* original cost studies are more appropriate than *ex-ante* information in the Market Approach.

Q. DID MR. SMITH MAKE ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SELECTED 7 TRANSACTION METHOD IN ADDITION TO THE ITEMS HE DISCUSSED IN 8 HIS TESTIMONY?

9 A. Yes. Page 3 of OCA Exhibit RCS-4 shows 25 adjustments to the selected transaction
10 method that were not discussed in Mr. Smith's direct testimony. Because I do not know
11 the basis for the adjustments to the selected transaction method which were not discussed
12 in his direct testimony I cannot agree with, or specifically address many of the
13 adjustments that are shown on page 3 of OCA Exhibit RCS-4.

I note that during discovery, the Company asked OCA for documentation supporting their adjustments shown on OCA Exhibit RCS-4 but OCA declined to provide any response. A copy of OCA's response to the Company's discovery request is attached as Exhibit 5 of Exhibit HW-1R.

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Recommended Weighting

19 Q. WOULD YOU RECOMMEND USING THE WEIGHTINGS MR. SMITH

20 APPLIED TO HIS RESULT OF THE VALUATION APPROACHES SHOWN?

A. No, Mr. Smith recommended substantial changes to each valuation approach. Mr. Smith
does not justify the weightings he applied to the valuation approaches shown. Mr. Smith
did not conduct an appraisal. Mr. Smith assumes weightings remain the same regardless

1		of the results of the valuation approaches which is "putting the wagon ahead of the horse."
2		An appraisal is an opinion of fair market value and is not a "mechanical" process. When
3		information changes, opinions, weightings, methodologies and techniques change as well.
4		By attempting to analyze and adjust our Appraisal, Mr. Smith is doing no more than
5		selectively choosing the parts of the Appraisals that are to his liking while jettisoning those
6		parts that are not. Depending on the quantity and quality of the results, weights applied
7		under fair market value differ but Mr. Smith did not do this.
8		CONCLUSION
9	Q.	IS THERE ANYTHING PRESENTED IN MR. SMITH'S TESTIMONY THAT
9 10	Q.	IS THERE ANYTHING PRESENTED IN MR. SMITH'S TESTIMONY THAT WOULD RESULT IN YOU ALTERING YOUR FAIR MARKET VALUE
	Q.	
10	Q. A.	WOULD RESULT IN YOU ALTERING YOUR FAIR MARKET VALUE
10 11		WOULD RESULT IN YOU ALTERING YOUR FAIR MARKET VALUE APPRAISAL OF THE DELCORA'S WASTEWATER SYSTEM ASSETS?
10 11 12		WOULD RESULT IN YOU ALTERING YOUR FAIR MARKET VALUE APPRAISAL OF THE DELCORA'S WASTEWATER SYSTEM ASSETS? No, there was nothing presented in Mr. Smith's testimony which would result in our
10 11 12 13	A.	WOULD RESULT IN YOU ALTERING YOUR FAIR MARKET VALUE APPRAISAL OF THE DELCORA'S WASTEWATER SYSTEM ASSETS? No, there was nothing presented in Mr. Smith's testimony which would result in our changing our fair market value appraisal of the DELCORA wastewater system assets.

Exhibit HW-1R Docket No. A-2019-3015173 Witness: H. Walker, III

AQUA PENNSYLVANIA WASTEWATER, INC. BRYN MAWR, PENNSYLVANIA

FAIR MARKET VALUE APPRAISAL

EXHIBIT

TO ACCOMPANY THE

REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

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Comparison of OCA's Replacement Cost Accumulated Depreciation and the Replacement Cost Accumulated Depreciation Calculated From the Aqua Rate Case Survivor Curves

			<u>A</u>		<u>B</u>		<u>C</u>	
			nnett Fleming Appraisal	OCA	Exhibit RCS-2		qua Rate Case rvivor Curves	
Account No.	Description	Replacement Cost Accumulated Depreciation		Replacement Cost Accumulated Depreciation		Replacement Cost Accumulated Depreciation		Difference
								(B - C)
353.30	LAND AND LAND RIGHTS - PUMPING	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
354.30	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS - PUMPING *	\$	48,627,436	\$	57,066,981	\$	45,159,857	\$ 11,907,124
354.40	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS - TREATMENT *	\$	18,010,504	\$	23,501,205	\$	20,510,289	
354.70	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS - GENERAL PLANT *	\$	1,383,438	\$	1,700,475	\$	1,638,756	
360.21	COLLECTION SEWERS - FORCE - MAINS	\$	43,471,330	\$	43,471,330	\$	43,471,330	
361.21	COLLECTION SEWERS - GRAVITY - MAINS	\$	71,000,745	\$	71,000,745	\$	68,529,752	
361.23	COLLECTION SEWERS - GRAVITY - MANHOLES	\$	11,443,391	\$	11,443,391	\$	10,140,170	
362.20	SPECIAL COLLECTING STRUCTURES *	\$	10,374,244	\$	16,348,744	\$	13,883,250	
363.20	SERVICES TO CUSTOMERS	\$	3,963,122	\$	3,963,122	\$	4,039,741	
364.20	FLOW MEASURING DEVICES *	\$	51,272	\$	47,560	\$	61,477	
365.20	FLOW MEASURING INSTALLATIONS	\$	57,503	\$	57,503	\$	57,503	
371.30	PUMPING EQUIPMENT *	\$	5,782,503	\$	11,135,027	\$	6,585,556	
380.30	TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL EQUIP - PUMP STATIONS *	\$	23,286,127	\$	31,721,978	\$	23,744,426	
380.40	TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL EQUIPMENT *	\$	152,768,306	\$	219,214,491	\$	174,320,315	
390.70	COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE	\$	212,532	\$	212,532	\$	212,532	
391.70	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	\$	2,247,431	\$	2,247,431	\$	1,883,604	
396.70	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT *	\$	44,736	\$	57,519	\$	67,106	
	TOTAL	\$	392,724,620	\$	493,190,035	\$	414,305,664	\$ 78,884,371
	* - The Nine Accounts Recommended Adjusted by OCA			\$	360,793,981	\$	285,971,032	\$ 74,822,949

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ACCOUNT 353.30 LAND AND LAND RIGHTS - PUMPING

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

	ORIGINAL	AVG.	ANNU	AL ACCRUAL		ACCRUE	DEPREC
YEAR	COST	LIFE	RATE	AMOUNT	EXP.	FACTOR	AMOUNT
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)

NONDEPRECIABLE

1976	12,000.00
1977	79,500.00
2014	40,000.00

131,500.00

ACCOUNT 354.30 STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS - PUMPING

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

YEAR (1)	ORIGINAL COST (2)	AVG. LIFE (3)	ANNUA RATE (4)	AL ACCRUAL AMOUNT (5)	EXP. (6)	ACCRUED FACTOR (7)	DEPREC AMOUNT (8)
	VOR CURVE IOWA ALVAGE PERCENT	60-S1 0					
1937	325,082.22	60.00	1.67	5,428.87	10.93	0.8178	265,862
1951	1,255,768.89	60.00	1.67	20,971.34	15.89	0.7352	923,204
1955	6,493,702.09	60.00	1.67	108,444.82	17.44	0.7093	4,606,178
1956	139,965.73	60.00	1.67	2,337.43	17.83	0.7028	98,372
1964	543,917.74	60.00	1.67	9,083.43	21.19	0.6468	351,822
1965	1,324,532.84	60.00	1.67	22,119.70	21.64	0.6393	846,814
1966	169,301.11	60.00	1.67	2,827.33	22.09	0.6318	106,970
1970	171,319.22	60.00	1.67	2,861.03	23.95	0.6008	102,934
1974	17,334,749.67	60.00	1.67	289,490.32	25.91	0.5682	9,849,085
1976	21,960,704.82	60.00	1.67	366,743.77	26.94	0.5510	12,100,348
1978	24,812,926.92	60.00	1.67	414,375.88	28.00	0.5333	13,233,478
1979	171,412.05	60.00	1.67	2,862.58	28.54	0.5243	89,876
1997	1,132,050.31	60.00	1.67	18,905.24	40.01	0.3332	377,165
2006	1,461,723.79	60.00	1.67	24,410.79	47.23	0.2128	311,099
2009	2,799,886.37	60.00	1.67	46,758.10	49.89	0.1685	471,781
2013	10,098,291.06	60.00	1.67	168,641.46	53.61	0.1065	1,075,468
2014	2,645,059.59	60.00	1.67	44,172.50	54.57	0.0905	239,378
2016	1,896,942.28	60.00	1.67	31,678.94	56.52	0.0580	110,023

94,737,336.70

1,582,113.53

45,159,857

ACCOUNT 354.40 STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS - TREATMENT

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) SURVIVOR CURVE IOWA 60-R2.5 NET SALVAGE PERCENT 0 1972 949,144.34 60.00 1.67 15,850.71 21.16 0.6473 614,410
1972 949 144 34 60 00 1 67 15 850 71 21 16 0 6473 614 410
1974 24,001,550.49 60.00 1.67 400,825.89 22.44 0.6260 15,024,971
1988 407,407.40 60.00 1.67 6,803.70 32.46 0.4590 187,000
1989 1,276,362.82 60.00 1.67 21,315.26 33.24 0.4460 569,258
1992 3,817,583.57 60.00 1.67 63,753.65 35.63 0.4062 1,550,588
1993 347,469.42 60.00 1.67 5,802.74 36.44 0.3927 136,441
1994 9,311.69 60.00 1.67 155.51 37.25 0.3792 3,531
2000 37,268.15 60.00 1.67 622.38 42.30 0.2950 10,994
2001 1,666,114.52 60.00 1.67 27,824.11 43.16 0.2807 467,628
2003 5,804,861.12 60.00 1.67 96,941.18 44.90 0.2517 1,460,909
2005 716,892.77 60.00 1.67 11,972.11 46.67 0.2222 159,272
2006 452,356.22 60.00 1.67 7,554.35 47.56 0.2073 93,787
2007 691,505.08 60.00 1.67 11,548.13 48.45 0.1925 133,115
2010 542,507.10 60.00 1.67 9,059.87 51.17 0.1472 79,841
2015 56,296.14 60.00 1.67 940.15 55.77 0.0705 3,969
2018 615,773.65 60.00 1.67 10,283.42 58.58 0.0237 14,575

41,392,404.48

691,253.16

20,510,289

ACCOUNT 354.70 STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS - GENERAL PLANT

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

YEAR (1)	ORIGINAL COST (2)	AVG. LIFE (3)	annuai rate (4)	L ACCRUAL AMOUNT (5)	EXP. (6)	ACCRUED FACTOR (7)	DEPREC AMOUNT (8)
	OR CURVE IOWA JVAGE PERCENT	50-R3 0					
1997	3,788,775.30	50.00	2.00	75,775.51	29.00	0.4200	1,591,286
2013	121,829.28	50.00	2.00	2,436.59	43.66	0.1268	15,448
2016	441,945.35	50.00	2.00	8,838.91	46.57	0.0686	30,317
2019	174,000.00	50.00	2.00	3,480.00	49.51	0.0098	1,705
	4,526,549.93			90,531.01			1,638,756

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ACCOUNT 360.21 COLLECTION SEWERS - FORCE - MAINS

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

YEAR (1)	ORIGINAL COST (2)	AVG. LIFE (3)	ANNUAI RATE (4)	ACCRUAL AMOUNT (5)	EXP. (6)	ACCRUED FACTOR (7)	DEPREC AMOUNT (8)
	VOR CURVE IOWA ALVAGE PERCENT						
1931	371,744.10	75.00	1.33	4,944.20	12.75	0.8300	308,548
1937	586,677.00	75.00	1.33	7,802.80	14.80	0.8027	470,908
1951	119,974.40	75.00	1.33	1,595.66	21.15	0.7180	86,142
1956	211,661.21	75.00	1.33	2,815.09	23.95	0.6807	144,071
1964	208,362.58	75.00	1.33	2,771.22	28.95	0.6140	127,935
1965	239,889.53	75.00	1.33	3,190.53	29.61	0.6052	145,181
1966	305,039.28	75.00	1.33	4,057.02	30.28	0.5963	181,886
1970	446,452.50	75.00	1.33	5,937.82	33.05	0.5593	249,714
1972	17,542,349.04	75.00	1.33	233,313.24	34.48	0.5403	9,477,605
1974	19,206,063.74	75.00	1.33	255,440.65	35.94	0.5208	10,002,518
1977	24,338,898.27	75.00	1.33	323,707.35	38.18	0.4909	11,948,695
1978	11,529,749.45	75.00	1.33	153,345.67	38.94	0.4808	5,543,504
1990	188,266.60	75.00	1.33	2,503.95	48.53	0.3529	66,445
2000	5,522,927.59	75.00	1.33	73,454.94	57.11	0.2385	1,317,384
2007	1,467,618.64	75.00	1.33	19,519.33	63.39	0.1548	227,187
2009	15,614,516.45	75.00	1.33	207,673.07	65.21	0.1305	2,038,163
2010	1,402,338.00	75.00	1.33	18,651.10	66.13	0.1183	165,855
2013	6,767,430.88	75.00	1.33	90,006.83	68.90	0.0813	550,395
2014	5,527,167.09	75.00	1.33	73,511.32	69.84	0.0688	380,269
2016	131,799.34	75.00	1.33	1,752.93	71.70	0.0440	5,799
2017	1,052,631.08	75.00	1.33	13,999.99	72.64	0.0315	33,126

112,781,556.77 1,499,994.71

43,471,330

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ACCOUNT 361.21 COLLECTION SEWERS - GRAVITY - MAINS

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

YEAR	ORIGINAL COST	AVG. LIFE	ANNU RATE	AL ACCRUAL AMOUNT	EXP.	ACCRUED FACTOR	DEPREC AMOUNT
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
SURVI	VOR CURVE IOWA	75-R2 5					
	ALVAGE PERCENT						
1900	25,876,890.00	75.00	1.33	344,162.64	5.17	0.9311	24,093,196
1926	447,050.37	75.00	1.33	5,945.77	11.28	0.8496	379,814
1930	29,240,706.22	75.00	1.33	388,901.39	12.44	0.8341	24,390,550
1931	626,791.35	75.00	1.33	8,336.32	12.75	0.8300	520,237
1937	4,762,212.00	75.00	1.33	63,337.42	14.80	0.8027	3,822,485
1944	1,169,007.84	75.00	1.33	15,547.80	17.69	0.7641	893,274
1956	117,677.37	75.00	1.33	1,565.11	23.95	0.6807	80,099
1960	11,163,114.53	75.00	1.33	148,469.42	26.37	0.6484	7,238,163
1961	2,407,239.10	75.00	1.33	32,016.28	27.00	0.6400	1,540,633
1966	458,279.64	75.00	1.33	6,095.12	30.28	0.5963	273,258
1969	399,122.76	75.00	1.33	5,308.33	32.35	0.5687	226,969
1970	4,520,373.00	75.00	1.33	60,120.96	33.05	0.5593	2,528,380
1971	330,370.66	75.00	1.33	4,393.93	33.76	0.5499	181,661
1976	34,281.00	75.00	1.33	455.94	37.43	0.5009	17,172
1985	137,330.82	75.00	1.33	1,826.50	44.43	0.4076	55,976
1986	498,070.67	75.00	1.33	6,624.34	45.24	0.3968	197,634
1990	3,612,396.77	75.00	1.33	48,044.88	48.53	0.3529	1,274,923
1992	31,135.17	75.00	1.33	414.10	50.21	0.3305	10,291
2004	150,362.33	75.00	1.33	1,999.82	60.68	0.1909	28,709
2005	2,813,666.64	75.00	1.33	37,421.77	61.58	0.1789	503,449
2006	329,298.73	75.00	1.33	4,379.67	62.48	0.1669	54,970
2007	47,220.76	75.00	1.33	628.04	63.39	0.1548	7,310
2008	151,725.32	75.00	1.33	2,017.95	64.30	0.1427	21,647
2009	693,524.82	75.00	1.33	9,223.88	65.21	0.1305	90,526
2010	171,606.75	75.00	1.33	2,282.37	66.13	0.1183	20,296
2012	249,561.07	75.00	1.33	3,319.16	67.98	0.0936	23,359
2015	351,224.83	75.00	1.33	4,671.29	70.77	0.0564	19,809
2016	794,599.22	75.00	1.33	10,568.17	71.70	0.0440	34,962

91,584,839.74

1,218,078.37

68,529,752

ACCOUNT 361.23 COLLECTION SEWERS - GRAVITY - MANHOLES

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

	ORIGINAL	AVG.	ANNUA	AL ACCRUAL		ACCRU	ED DEPREC
YEAR	COST	LIFE	RATE	AMOUNT	EXP.	FACTOR	AMOUNT
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
		75 00 5					
	OR CURVE IOWA						
NET Dr	ADVAGE I BRCENT	0					
1900	1,453,397.40	75.00	1.33	19,330.19	5.17	0.9311	1,353,215
1930	4,247,286.50	75.00	1.33	56,488.91	12.44	0.8341	3,542,789
1937	365,306.76	75.00	1.33	4,858.58	14.80	0.8027	293,221
1949	3,700,779.62	75.00	1.33	49,220.37	20.10	0.7320	2,708,971
1956	99,914.84	75.00	1.33	1,328.87	23.95	0.6807	68,009
1960	904,722.44	75.00	1.33	12,032.81	26.37	0.6484	586,622
1966	70,293.46	75.00	1.33	934.90	30.28	0.5963	41,914
1970	1,170,868.34	75.00	1.33	15,572.55	33.05	0.5593	654,902
1971	7,438.18	75.00	1.33	98.93	33.76	0.5499	4,090
1985	38,516.09	75.00	1.33	512.26	44.43	0.4076	15,699
1990	322,182.76	75.00	1.33	4,285.03	48.53	0.3529	113,708
1992	10,520.36	75.00	1.33	139.92	50.21	0.3305	3,477
2000	287,578.42	75.00	1.33	3,824.79	57.11	0.2385	68,596
2004	95,618.17	75.00	1.33	1,271.72	60.68	0.1909	18,256
2005	2,764,950.53	75.00	1.33	36,773.84	61.58	0.1789	494,733
2006	603,961.55	75.00	1.33	8,032.69	62.48	0.1669	100,819
2007	19,990.11	75.00	1.33	265.87	63.39	0.1548	3,094
2008	66,630.15	75.00	1.33	886.18	64.30	0.1427	9,506
2009	209,172.47	75.00	1.33	2,781.99	65.21	0.1305	27,303
2010	18,497.60	75.00	1.33	246.02	66.13	0.1183	2,188
2011	30,331.68	75.00	1.33	403.41	67.05	0.1060	3,215
2012	75,751.30	75.00	1.33	1,007.49	67.98	0.0936	7,090
2015	123,325.09	75.00	1.33	1,640.22	70.77	0.0564	6,956
2016	267,699.49	75.00	1.33	3,560.40	71.70	0.0440	11,779
2019	2,924.40	75.00	1.33	38.89	74.53	0.0063	18

16,957,657.71

225,536.83

10,140,170

ACCOUNT 362.20 SPECIAL COLLECTING STRUCTURES

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

YEAR (1)	ORIGINAL COST (2)	AVG. LIFE (3)	ANNUA RATE (4)	L ACCRUAL AMOUNT (5)	EXP. (6)	ACCRUED FACTOR (7)	DEPREC AMOUNT (8)
	OR CURVE IOWA LVAGE PERCENT	40-R3 0					
1926	153,881.79	40.00				1.0000	153,882
1930	1,091,032.33	40.00				1.0000	1,091,032
1931	556,549.29	40.00				1.0000	556,549
1961	5,638,142.89	40.00	2.50	140,953.57	2.22	0.9445	5,325,226
1969	646,293.20	40.00	2.50	16,157.33	4.30	0.8925	576,817
1974	1,889,294.69	40.00	2.50	47,232.37	5.83	0.8543	1,613,930
1984	11,722.69	40.00	2.50	293.07	10.42	0.7395	8,669
1986	262,791.49	40.00	2.50	6,569.79	11.62	0.7095	186,451
1987	924,884.85	40.00	2.50	23,122.12	12.25	0.6938	641,639
1999	1,288,906.60	40.00	2.50	32,222.66	21.10	0.4725	609,008
2002	1,425,797.65	40.00	2.50	35,644.94	23.63	0.4093	583,508
2003	1,122,068.44	40.00	2.50	28,051.71	24.49	0.3878	435,082
2005	3,777,087.98	40.00	2.50	94,427.20	26.26	0.3435	1,297,430
2009	2,325,182.14	40.00	2.50	58,129.55	29.90	0.2525	587,108
2012	1,097,917.95	40.00	2.50	27,447.95	32.72	0.1820	199,821
2018	465,258.65	40.00	2.50	11,631.47	38.53	0.0368	17,098

22,676,812.63

521,883.73

13,883,250

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ACCOUNT 363.20 SERVICES TO CUSTOMERS

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

YEAR (1)	ORIGINAL COST (2)	AVG. LIFE (3)	ANNUAI RATE (4)	L ACCRUAL AMOUNT (5)	EXP. (6)	ACCRUED FACTOR (7)	DEPREC AMOUNT (8)
	OR CURVE IOWA LVAGE PERCENT						
1957	5,084,185.13	70.00	1.43	72,703.85	14.38	0.7946	4,039,741
	5,084,185.13			72,703.85			4,039,741
(COMPOSITE ANNUAL	ACCRUAL	RATE, PERC	CENT 1.43			

ACCOUNT 364.20 FLOW MEASURING DEVICES

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

YEAR (1)	ORIGINAL COST (2)	AVG. LIFE (3)	ANNUAL RATE (4)	ACCRUAL AMOUNT (5)	EXP. (6)	ACCRUED FACTOR (7)	DEPREC AMOUNT (8)
	CURVE IOWA AGE PERCENT						
2011	6,229.48	25.00	4.00	249.18	16.62	0.3352	2,088
2012	7,769.05	25.00	4.00	310.76	17.57	0.2972	2,309
2013	17,059.29	25.00	4.00	682.37	18.54	0.2584	4,408
2014	74,376.60	25.00	4.00	2,975.06	19.52	0.2192	16,303
2015	3,599.21	25.00	4.00	143.97	20.51	0.1796	646
2016	195,105.06	25.00	4.00	7,804.20	21.50	0.1400	27,315
2017	12,211.98	25.00	4.00	488.48	22.50	0.1000	1,221
2018	4,165.83	25.00	4.00	166.63	23.50	0.0600	250
2019	346,857.20	25.00	4.00	13,874.29	24.50	0.0200	6,937
	667,373.70			26,694.94			61,477

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ACCOUNT 365.20 FLOW MEASURING INSTALLATIONS

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

YEAR (1)	ORIGINAL COST (2)	AVG. LIFE (3)	ANNU RATE (4)	JAL ACCRUAL AMOUNT (5)	EXP. (6)	ACCRUE FACTOR (7)	D DEPREC AMOUNT (8)
	OR CURVE IOWA LVAGE PERCENT						
1977	66,073.91	35.00	2.86	1,889.71	4.54	0.8703	57,503
	66,073.91			1,889.71			57,503
C	COMPOSITE ANNUAI	ACCRUAL	RATE, PE	RCENT 2.86			

ACCOUNT 371.30 PUMPING EQUIPMENT

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

YEAR (1)	ORIGINAL COST (2)	AVG. LIFE (3)	ANNUAL RATE (4)	ACCRUAL AMOUNT (5)	EXP. (6)	ACCRUED FACTOR (7)	DEPREC AMOUNT (8)
	OR CURVE IOWA LVAGE PERCENT						
1975	144,705.85	25.00	4.00	5,788.23	8.30	0.6680	96,664
1977	1,151,526.01	25.00	4.00	46,061.04	8.69	0.6524	751,256
1994	481,419.16	25.00	4.00	19,256.77	12.87	0.4852	233,585
1995	1,363,705.88	25.00	4.00	54,548.24	13.17	0.4732	645,306
1996	418,932.22	25.00	4.00	16,757.29	13.48	0.4608	193,044
1997	759,265.96	25.00	4.00	30,370.64	13.79	0.4484	340,455
1998	542,771.53	25.00	4.00	21,710.86	14.11	0.4356	236,431
1999	394,360.90	25.00	4.00	15,774.44	14.44	0.4224	166,578
2002	619,773.16	25.00	4.00	24,790.93	15.46	0.3816	236,505
2006	7,648,605.60	25.00	4.00	305,944.22	16.95	0.3220	2,462,851
2009	2,795,733.72	25.00	4.00	111,829.35	18.21	0.2716	759,321
2013	868,489.62	25.00	4.00	34,739.58	20.30	0.1880	163,276
2017	3,679,952.48	25.00	4.00	147,198.10	22.96	0.0816	300,284
	20,869,242.09			834,769.69			6,585,556

COMPOSITE ANNUAL ACCRUAL RATE, PERCENT .. 4.00

ACCOUNT 380.30 TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL EQUIP - PUMP STATIONS

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

YEAR (1)	ORIGINAL COST (2)	AVG. LIFE (3)	ANNU RATE (4)	AL ACCRUAL AMOUNT (5)	EXP. (6)	ACCRUEI FACTOR (7)	D DEPREC AMOUNT (8)
SURVI	VOR CURVE IOWA	40-S0					
NET SZ	ALVAGE PERCENT	0					
1974	19,636,363.39	40.00	2.50	490,909.08	13.50	0.6625	13,009,091
1994	13,301,958.62	40.00	2.50	332,548.97	22.86	0.4285	5,699,889
1998	729,861.89	40.00	2.50	18,246.55	24.99	0.3753	273,881
2002	1,487,227.23	40.00	2.50	37,180.68	27.26	0.3185	473,682
2003	2,028,911.15	40.00	2.50	50,722.78	27.85	0.3038	616,282
2005	9,268,615.24	40.00	2.50	231,715.38	29.06	0.2735	2,534,966
2007	76,638.73	40.00	2.50	1,915.97	30.33	0.2418	18,527
2010	71,370.76	40.00	2.50	1,784.27	32.33	0.1918	13,685
2017	14,757,305.89	40.00	2.50	368,932.65	37.70	0.0575	848,545
2018	7,207,832.95	40.00	2.50	180,195.82	38.58	0.0355	255,878
	68,566,085.85			1,714,152.15			23,744,426

COMPOSITE ANNUAL ACCRUAL RATE, PERCENT .. 2.50

ACCOUNT 380.40 TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL EQUIPMENT

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

	ORIGINAL	AVG.		UAL ACCRUAL	EVD		ED DEPREC
YEAR		LIFE	RATE	AMOUNT	EXP.	FACTOR	AMOUNT
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
SURVI	VOR CURVE IOWA	40-S1					
NET S	SALVAGE PERCENT	0					
1939	2,753,953.28	40.00				1.0000	2,753,953
1974	205,676,498.98	40.00	2.50	5,141,912.47	10.65	0.7338	150,915,131
1982	292,354.54	40.00	2.50	7,308.86	13.91	0.6523	190,688
1984	185,075.25	40.00	2.50	4,626.88	14.80	0.6300	116,597
1985	250,235.11	40.00	2.50	6,255.88	15.26	0.6185	154,770
1988	3,031,607.27	40.00	2.50	75,790.18	16.69	0.5828	1,766,669
1990	26,546.91	40.00	2.50	663.67	17.70	0.5575	14,800
1991	6,391,157.86	40.00	2.50	159,778.95	18.22	0.5445	3,479,985
1992	440,508.92	40.00	2.50	11,012.72	18.76	0.5310	233,910
1996	280,805.67	40.00	2.50	7,020.14	21.02	0.4745	133,242
1997	978,442.95	40.00	2.50	24,461.07	21.63	0.4593	449,350
1999	875,062.74	40.00	2.50	21,876.57	22.88	0.4280	374,527
2000	814,860.90	40.00	2.50	20,371.52	23.53	0.4118	335,519
2001	317,479.93	40.00	2.50	7,937.00	24.20	0.3950	125,405
2002	1,409,402.37	40.00	2.50	35,235.06	24.88	0.3780	532,754
2003	4,979,814.51	40.00	2.50	124,495.36	25.58	0.3605	1,795,223
2004	7,651,632.62	40.00	2.50	191,290.82	26.30	0.3425	2,620,684
2005	1,642,684.71	40.00	2.50	41,067.12	27.05	0.3238	531,819
2006	532,904.25	40.00	2.50	13,322.61	27.81	0.3048	162,403
2007	1,274,218.78	40.00	2.50	31,855.47	28.59	0.2853	363,471
2008	1,977,177.01	40.00	2.50	49,429.43	29.39	0.2653	524,446
2009	267,526.31	40.00	2.50	6,688.16	30.21	0.2448	65,477
2010	482,986.84	40.00	2.50	12,074.67	31.06	0.2235	107,948
2011	5,941,847.58	40.00	2.50	148,546.19	31.92	0.2020	1,200,253
2012	3,697,607.99	40.00	2.50	92,440.20	32.81	0.1798	664,645
2013	5,325,703.18	40.00	2.50	133,142.58	33.71	0.1573	837,467
2014	2,802,944.88	40.00	2.50	70,073.62	34.64	0.1340	375,595
2015	13,699,817.54	40.00	2.50	342,495.44	35.58	0.1105	1,513,830
2016	10,998,059.31	40.00	2.50	274,951.48	36.54	0.0865	951,332
2017	8,827,419.31	40.00	2.50	220,685.48	37.52	0.0620	547,300
2018	12,305,404.85	40.00	2.50	307,635.12	38.50	0.0375	461,453
2019	1,573,541.00	40.00	2.50	39,338.52	39.50	0.0125	19,669

307,705,283.35

7,623,783.24

174,320,315

COMPOSITE ANNUAL ACCRUAL RATE, PERCENT .. 2.48

10/16/2020

APPLYING AQUA PENNSYLVANIA, INC. DEPRECIATION RATES TO DELCORA ASSETS PER OCA RECOMMENDATION

ACCOUNT 390.70 COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

YEAR (1)	ORIGINAL COST (2)	AVG. LIFE (3)	ANNUAL RATE (4)	ACCRUAL AMOUNT (5)	EXP. (6)	ACCRUED FACTOR (7)	DEPREC AMOUNT (8)
	VOR CURVE 5-SQ ALVAGE PERCENT						
2016	303,617.33	5.00	20.00	60,723.47	1.50	0.7000	212,532
	303,617.33			60,723.47			212,532
	COMPOSITE ANNUAI	ACCRUAL	RATE, PERC	ENT 20.00			

ACCOUNT 391.70 TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

YEAR (1)	ORIGINAL COST (2)	AVG. LIFE (3)	ANNUAL RATE (4)	ACCRUAL AMOUNT (5)	EXP. (6)	ACCRUED FACTOR (7)	DEPREC AMOUNT (8)
	CURVE IOWA AGE PERCENT	15-L3 0					
1998	61,570.01	15.00	6.67	4,106.72	3.07	0.7953	48,968
1999	296,474.73	15.00	6.67	19,774.86	3.33	0.7780	230,657
2004	95,242.03	15.00	6.67	6,352.64	4.42	0.7053	67,177
2005	26,689.30	15.00	6.67	1,780.18	4.59	0.6940	18,522
2006	396,897.52	15.00	6.67	26,473.06	4.78	0.6813	270,418
2007	145,275.09	15.00	6.67	9,689.85	5.04	0.6640	96,463
2008	410,632.28	15.00	6.67	27,389.17	5.38	0.6413	263,351
2009	346,963.40	15.00	6.67	23,142.46	5.84	0.6107	211,880
2011	265,337.40	15.00	6.67	17,698.00	7.11	0.5260	139,567
2012	310,943.71	15.00	6.67	20,739.95	7.89	0.4740	147,387
2013	57,456.42	15.00	6.67	3,832.34	8.74	0.4173	23,978
2014	459,587.27	15.00	6.67	30,654.47	9.63	0.3580	164,532
2015	111,988.69	15.00	6.67	7,469.65	10.56	0.2960	33,149
2016	353,022.09	15.00	6.67	23,546.57	11.52	0.2320	81,901
2017	274,811.57	15.00	6.67	18,329.93	12.50	0.1667	45,803
2018	330,983.10	15.00	6.67	22,076.57	13.50	0.1000	33,098
2019	202,609.04	15.00	6.67	13,514.02	14.50	0.0333	6,753

4,146,483.65

276,570.44

1,883,604

COMPOSITE ANNUAL ACCRUAL RATE, PERCENT .. 6.67

10/16/2020

APPLYING AQUA PENNSYLVANIA, INC. DEPRECIATION RATES TO DELCORA ASSETS PER OCA RECOMMENDATION

ACCOUNT 396.70 COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

YEAR (1)	ORIGINAL COST (2)	AVG. LIFE (3)	ANNUAI RATE (4)	ACCRUAL AMOUNT (5)	EXP. (6)	ACCRUED FACTOR (7)	DEPREC AMOUNT (8)
SURVIV	OR CURVE 10-S LVAGE PERCENT	QUARE	(-)	(-)	(-)		
2016	191,730.14	10.00	10.00	19,173.01	6.50	0.3500	67,106
	191,730.14			19,173.01			67,106
C	COMPOSITE ANNUAL	ACCRUAL	RATE, PERC	ENT 10.00			

SUMMARY OF CALCULATED ANNUAL AND ACCRUED DEPRECIATION

ACCT	GP	AVG. AGE	ORIGINAL COST	AN RATE	NUAL ACCRUAL AMOUNT	ACCRUED DEPRECIATION
ACCI	GP	AGE	COST	RAIL	AMOUNI	DEPRECIATION
353	30	31.3	131,500.00			
354	30	38.0	94,737,336.70	1.67	1,582,113.53	45,159,857
354	40	35.3	41,392,404.48	1.67	691,253.16	20,510,289
354	70	19.4	4,526,549.93	2.00	90,531.01	1,638,756
360	21	33.4	112,781,556.77	1.33	1,499,994.71	43,471,330
3613	21	82.8	91,584,839.74	1.33	1,218,078.37	68,529,752
361	23	61.3	16,957,657.71	1.33	225,536.83	10,140,170
362	20	35.6	22,676,812.63	2.30	521,883.73	13,883,250
3633	20	62.5	5,084,185.13	1.43	72,703.85	4,039,741
3642	20	2.3	667,373.70	4.00	26,694.94	61,477
365	20	42.5	66,073.91	2.86	1,889.71	57,503
371	30	14.7	20,869,242.09	4.00	834,769.69	6,585,556
380	30	21.8	68,566,085.85	2.50	1,714,152.15	23,744,426
3804	40	34.2	307,705,283.35	2.48	7,623,783.24	174,320,315
390'	70	3.5	303,617.33	20.00	60,723.47	212,532
391'	70	8.5	4,146,483.65	6.67	276,570.44	1,883,604
396'	70	3.5	191,730.14	10.00	19,173.01	67,106
GRAND TOT	AL	39.2	792,388,733.11	2.08	16,459,851.84	414,305,664

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502. IMPORTANT PHYSICAL PLANT DETAILS

For each NPDES permitted facility covered by this PUC Annual Report, provide written responses for each of the items listed below on pages to be attached, following this schedule. Number each attached page as (# of #).

1. Collection System. Provide a written description of the collection system with the description ending at the headworks of the wastewater treatment plant. This description should depict the sizes and types of all piping materials used in the construction of the collection system, and if applicable, note the percentage of gravity vs. pressurized collection piping used. Provide descriptive details on any and all pumping and/or lift stations used. Annually, provide an update to the collection system information requested above by including details on all extension constructed and details on any portion of the system that has been retired, replaced or abandoned. Identify all known extension projects in the preliminary planning stages. Describe in detail the means used to finance each newly constructed extension. Provide a discussion on past calendar year collection system monitoring, maintenance, repair and rehabilitation work, including routine and special activities, and infiltration / inflow monitoring. Describe the condition of the collection system by identifying if any portion of the conveyance capacity is being exceeded or will be exceeded in the next five years, and identify portions where rehabilitation or cleaning is needed or is underway to maintain the integrity of the system, and prevent or eliminate bypassing, overflow, excessive infiltration and other system problems. Describe the present condition of each collection system pump/lift station, and include a comparison of the maximum pumping rate with present maximum flows and the projected 2-year flow for each station.

2. Treatment Plant. Provide a written description of the wastewater treatment facilities, starting at the headworks and ending at the outfall structure, including descriptive details of any at-plant pump/lift facilities, in addition to all auxiliary structures and/or buildings and their uses. If helpful in preparing this description, attach a copy of the plant's flow schematic which shall be no larger than letter size. When advanced treatment is provided, the description should describe how the unit treatment processes are used to meet the final effluent discharge requirements listed on the NPDES permit. Where applicable, provide brief descriptive details of the equipment used in aerating and pumping of activated sludges. Provide details on wasted sludge processing, current ultimate disposal practices and locations. Identify generically all chemicals added to each of unit processes and their purposes. Indicate the designed hydraulic and organic loading capacities of the treatment plant. Provide an annual update on the present condition of all facilities located at the wastewater treatment site, including identifying any portions of the plant where conveyance or treatment capacity is being exceeded, or will be exceeded in the next five years and identifying any portions where rehabilitation or updating is needed or is underway to maintain the integrity of these facilities. Include a discussion of specific problems with the wastewater treatment plant and action taken to eliminate or prevent potential or recurring problems. Describe in detail any portion of the treatment system at the plant site that has been retired, replaced or abandoned. Provide the Certification Number of the current treatment plant operator and the date the effluent flowmeter was last calibrated.

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General Comments:

Each system as identified below is relatively small in size and number of customers. Each operating division is "self-sustained" and no substantial growth or expansion or extensions are projected in the next 2 to 5 years in any of the divisions.

East Bradford	WQM# 1596404-T1	East Bradford Twp, Chester Co.	0.018 MGD
Collection System		d 3 remote lift stations. Force main directly to plant.	
Treatment Plant	Lagoon Treatment plant and	spray irrigation disposal.	
	NPDES#PA0050458 and		
Little Washington	WQM# 1596401	East Brandywine Twp, Chester Co	0.155 MGD
-			0.100 MOD
Collection System		d 1 remote lift station. Force main directly to plant.	
Treatment Plant	Comminutor, BNR Treatment w/stream discharge.	t Process, Tertiary Filter, UV Disinfection, Subsurface Bed dis	posal
Peddler's View	WQM# 0993408	Solebury Twp, Chester Co.	0.06 MGD
Collection System	Series of 8" plastic gravity to	treatment plant.	
Treatment Plant	Comminutor, SBR Treatment	t Plant, Chlorine Disinfection, Spray Irrigation Disposal	
Willistown Woods	NPDES#PA0050075	Willistown Twp, Chester Co	0.0175 MGD
Collection System	Series of 8" plastic gravity an	d 3 remote lift stations. Force main directly to plant.	
Treatment Plant		t Process, Tertiary Filter, UV Disinfection, stream discharge di	sposal.
Twin Hills	WQM# 1598409	West Pikeland Twp, Chester Co	0.735 MGD
Collection System	Series of 8" plastic gravity an	d 2 remote lift stations. Force main directly to plant.	
Treatment Plant	Comminutor, SBR Treatment	t Plant, Tertiary Filter, Chlorine Disinfection, Subsurface Bed D	lisposal
Plumsock	WQM# 1592402	Willistown Twp, Chester Co	0.0099 MGD
Collection System		d 1 remote lift station. Force main directly to plant.	
Treatment Plant	SBR Treatment Plant, Tertiar	ry Filter, Chlorine Disinfection, Subsurface Bed Disposal	
Maria Damanak			10,000
Media Borough Collection System	NPDES#PA0024121	Media Borough, Delaware Co.	1.8 MGD
Collection System		/plastic gravity main, 2 remote lift stations, force mains to plan Settling, Extended Aeration Treatment, Chlorine Disinfection, \$	
Treatment Plant	Discharge	Setuing, Extended Aeration Treatment, Chlorine Disinfection, 3	Sueam
White Haven	NPDES#PA0020435-A1	White Haven Borough, Luzerne Co	0.6 MGD
Collection System	Series of 8" to 12" terra cotta	/plastic gravity mains to plant	
Treatment Plant	Mechanical Screen, Influent L	ift Station, Extended Aeration Treatment, Primary Settling,	
	UV Disinfection, Stream Disc	harge	
	NPDES#PA0057011-A1 and		
Bridlewood	WQM# 1596410	Thornbury Twp, Chester Co	0.103 MGD
Collection System	Series of 8" plastic gravity an	d 1 remote lift station. Force main directly to plant.	
	Comminutor, SBR Treatment	t Plant, Tertiary Filter, UV Disinfection, Subsurface Bed Dispos	al w/Stream Discharge
Rivercrest	NPDES#PA0060551	Tunkhannock Twp, Wyoming Co	0.07 MGD
Collection System	Series of 8" plastic gravity ma	ains to plant	
Treatment Plant	Mechanical Screen, Extended	d Aeration Treatment, Primary Settling, Chlorine Disinfection,	
	Stream Discharge		
Newlin Green	WQM# 1503410	Newlin Twp, Chester Co	0.045 MGD
Collection System	Series of 4" plastic low press	ure force main to plant.	
Treatment Plant	BNR Treatment Process, Ter	rtiary Filter, Chlorine Disinfection, Subsurface Bed Disposal	
Pinecrest	NPDES#PA0061719	Tobyhanna Twp, Monroe Co.	0.1 MGD
Collection System		d 2 remote lift stations. Force main directly to plant.	
Treatment Plant		t Plant, Tertiary Filtration, UV Disinfection, Stream Discharge	
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Eagle Rock Collection System	NPDES#PA0061590 North Union Twp, Schuylkill Co. Series of 8", 10" terra cotta and plastic gravity, 4" plastic low pressure force main,	0.35 MGD
Treatment Plant	29 remote lift stations to gravity collection Mechanical Screen, Extended Aeration Treatment, Primary Clarification, Chlorine Disinfect Stream Discharge	ion,
Links of Gettysburg	NPDES#PA0246484 Mount Joy Twp, Adams Co	0.06 MGD
Collection System Treatment Plant	Series of 8" plastic gravity and 1 remote lift station. Force main directly to plant. Comminutor, Extended Aeration Treatment Plant, Primary Clarification, UV Disinfection, St	ream Discharge
Thornhurst Collection System	NPDES#PA0060411 Lehigh Twp, Lackawanna Co. Series of 8" plastic gravity mains to plant	0.07 MGD
Treatment Plant	Comminutor, Extended Aeration Treatment, Primary Clarification, Chlorine Disinfection, Str	ream Discharge
Deerfield Knoll	WQM #1586408 T-3 Willistown Twp, Chester Co	0.025 MGD
Collection System	Series of 8" plastic gravity and 1 remote lift station. Force main directly to plant.	
Treatment Plant	Comminutor, BNR Treatment Plant, Chlorine, Subsurface Bed Disposal	
Laurel Lakes	NPDES#PA0060593 Nuangola Twp, Luzerne Co	0.07 MGD
Collection System Treatment Plant	Series of 8" terra cotta and plastic gravity, 4" plastic low pressure force main directly to pla Comminutor, Extended Aeration Treatment, Primary Clarification, Chlorine Disinfection, Str	
Maat Hana	NPDES#PA0060496 Lackawaxen Twp, Pike Co	0.15 MGD
Mast Hope Collection System	NPDES#PA0060496 Lackawaxen Twp, Pike Co Series of 8" terra cotta and plastic gravity, 5 remote pump stations directly to plant	0.15 MGD
Treatment Plant	Comminutor,. Extended Aeration Treatment, Primary Clarification, Chlorine Disinfection, St	ream Discharge
Penn Oaks	WQM#1596403 Thornbury Twp, Chester Co	0.0152 MGD
Collection System Treatment Plant	Series of 8" plastic gravity and 1 remote lift station. Force main directly to plant. Comminutor, SBR Treatment Plant, Tertiary Filter, Chlorine Disinfection, Subsurface Bed I	Disposal
New Daleville	WQM#1505402 Londonderry Twp, Chester Co	0.034 MGD
Collection System	Series of 8" plastic gravity to directly to plant.	o
Treatment Plant	Influent Pump Station, Comminutor, BNR Treatment Plant, Tertiary Filter, UV Disinfection, Drip Disposal	Subsurface
Cove Village	NPDES#PA0070009 North Union Twp, Schuylkill Co.	0.07 MGD
Collection System Treatment Plant	Series of 8" terra cotta and plastic gravity, 5 remote pump stations directly to plant Comminutor, Extended Aeration Treatment, Primary Clarification, Chlorine Disinfection, Str	ream Discharge
froutmont Fiant		Sam Dissilarge
Washington Park Collection System	NPDES#PA0060658 Washington Twp, Wyoming Co. Series of 8" plastic gravity to treatment plant.	0.07 MGD
Treatment Plant	Comminutor, Extended Aeration Treatment, Primary Clarification, UV Disinfection, Stream	Discharge
Stoney Creek	NPDES#PA0244074 Worcester Township, Montgomery County	0.045 MGD
Collection System	Series of 8" plastic gravity main, one remote pump station to plant.	
Treatment Plant	BNR Treatment Process, Tertiary Filter, Ultraviolet Disinfection, Stream Discharge	
Valley Forge	WQM#4607408 Upper Merion Twp, Montgomery County	0.247 MGD
Collection System Treatment Plant	8" PVC gravity collection system and pumping station. N/A	
Beech Mountain	WQM#4081406-T2 Butler Township, Luzerne County	N/A MGD
Collection System Treatment Plant	Plastic Low pressure collection system and individual customer grinder pumps N/A	
Lake Harmony	NPDES#PA0061204 Kidder Township, Carbon County	0.4 MGD
Collection System	Plastic gravity and low pressure collection system and residential grinder pumps	
Treatment Plant	Influent Lift Station, Comminutor, SBR Treatment, Tertiary Filtration, UV Disinfection, Strea	am Discharge

Sage Hill

Collection System Treatment Plant

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WQM#1506409 Thornbury Township, Chester County Series of 8" plastic gravity mains to influent pump station at plant Influent Pump Station, Comminutor, BNR Treatment Plant, Subsurface Drip Disposal 0.007 MGD

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Noodloch Springs	NPDES#PA0062341 Lackawaxen Twp, Pike County	0.12 MGD
Collection System	Series of 8" plastic gravity and 2 remote lift stations. Force main directly to plant.	
Treatment Plant	SBR Treatment Plant, Chlorine Disinfection, Stream Discharge	
	NPDES#PA0058572 and	
enn Township	WQM# 1501401 Penn Township, Chester County 0	.429 MGD
Collection System	Series of 8" plastic gravity mains, 7 remote pump stations,	
Treatment Plant	Treatment Plant, lakeside screen, 4 train BNR, UV Disinfection, Stream Discharge and RIB disposal.	
unker Hill	NPDES#PA0061433 Clinton Township, Wyoming County 0	0.022 MGD
Collection System	Series of 8" gravity mains to comminutor and splitter box,	
Treatment Plant	Mechanical Screen, Extended Aeration Treatment, Primary Clarification, Chlorine Disinfection, Stre	eam Discharge
reasure Lake West	NPDES#PA0228061 Sandy Township, Clearfield County	1.0 MGD
Collection System	Series of plastic gravity mains and various diameter low pressure sewer mains with six (6) interm	ediate
	lift stations. The East Headworks and Lift Station conveys all flow from approximately half of the s	
	to the upgraded Treasure Lake West WWTP for treatment. The former Treasure Lake East Plan	t was
	decommissioned and demolished in late 2019.	
Treatment Plant	Influent screens and pumping stations feeding equalization basins, a 2-train activated sludge treat	
	plant with two additional aeration basins, two clarifiers, UV disinfection, a post-aeration basin, then gravity flow to stream outfall.	
	WON#1506440 Londondern Tournahin Choster County 0	
oneycroft		0499 MGD
ollection System	Series of plastic gravity mains, 8" diameter, with precast concrete manholes flowing into a collection system pumping station which conveys the wastewater to the treatment facility. The Treatment pla	
umping Station reatment Plant	consists of influent screening, flow equalization tank pumping to two parallel train aerobic activated	
	sludge reactor tanks. Activated sludge is separated in two parallel clarifiers and is then polished by	
	a tertiary filtration system. Treated effluent is then stored in a effluent storage tank prior to dispose	
	through a drip irrigation system.	
mlenton	NPDES #PA0023566 Emlenton Borough, Venango County 0	.200 MGD
Collection System	The Emlenton service territory consists of Emlenton Borough, the southern portion of Richland To	
	Venango County, and the northwestern portion of Richland Township, Clarion County and covers	
	approximately 1,475 acres. The collection system consists of a 15" diameter to 18" diameter plas	tic
	trunk line interceptor which serves a collection system consisting of 8" diameter plastic sewer main	
	with a majority of brick manholes. The gravity collection system is primarily VCP.	
	Four (4) customer owned grinder pumps are utilized by two customers.	
reatment Facility	Flow from the collection system goes to an influent pump station at the wastewater treatment facili	ity
	that consists of a 200,000 gallon per day rotating biological contactor (RBC) plant with a flow equa	lization
	tank, (RBC) plant with a flow equalization tank, primary sedimentation, two RBC units, two final cla	arifiers
	and chlorine disinfection. Biosolids are stored in a sludge storage tank and are dewatered by a bel	lt
	filter press.	
ariasville	NPDES #PA0101907 Mariasville, Clarion County 0	.008 MGD
ollection System	The Mariasville system consists of a low pressure PVC sewer collection system with 20 Aqua own	
reatment Facility	grinder pumps that discharges to the treatment facility which consists of one 10,000 gallon septic t	tank
	and one 5,000 gallon septic tank discharging into a sand mound filtration system. Effluent from	
	the Mariasville wastewater treatment facility discharges to Richey Run at one outfall location locate Salem Township, Clarion County.	ed in
amartine	WQM#1600407 Salem Township, Clarion County 0	0.021 MGD
ollection System	The Lamartine collection system consists of a low pressure wastewater collection system serving	
reatment Facility	60 Aqua owned grinder pumps. The collection system piping is 1.5 inch, 2 inch and 3-inch diamet	er
	plastic pipe. The Lamartine wastewater treatment facility consists of a 10,740 gallon septic tank a	
	a 5,000 gallon dosage/.storage tank discharging to three surface sand mounds discharging to	

groundwater.

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Tobyhanna	NPDES #PA-0063533	Tobyhanna Township, Monroe County	0.30 MGD
Collection System	The collection system encomp	asses an approximate 2-mile radius surrounding Blakeslee corner	s
	in the western section of Tobyl	hanna Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania. The collection sys	stem
	is made up of approximately 5	,700 linear feet of 12-inch gravity main, 62,200 linear feet of 8-inch	n gravity
	main, and 12,000 linear feet of	2 inch pressurized main.	
Treatment Facility	Influent Lift Station, Mechanica	al Screen, SBR Treatment, Tertiary Filtration, UV Disinfection, Stre	am Discharge
Avon Grove	NPDES #PA0053783	New London Township, Chester County	0.02 MGD
Collection System	The collection system consists	of the sewer mains serving the elementary school, the intermedia	ate
	school and the administration I	building which conveys the wastewater by gravity to the treatment	system.
Treatment Plant	The treatment facility consists	of precast concrete tankage that make up the equalization tanks,	
	process tanks and clarifiers. 1	The treatment system is an activated sludge process that Aqua	
	has upgrade from an extended	air design to a 4-stage Bardenpho process that consists of	
	a preanoxic treatment stage for	llowed by an aerobic stage followed by a post anoxic stage	
	followed by a final aeration ste	p prior to clarification and newly installed UV disinfection.	
	Phosphorus removal is achiev	ed through chemical precipitation utilizing polyaluminum chloride.	
King Road	WQM# 51934	Limerick Twp., Montgomery Co	1.7 MGD
Collection System	Series of 8"-36" plastic and du	ctile gravity and 14 lift stations. Force main directly to plant.	
Treatment Plant	Lakeside grit and rag removal,	, flow through SBR designed by Lakeside, UV disinfection.	
	Thickened sludge hauled to Cl	ass A facility.	
Possum Hollow	WQM# 58041	Limerick Twp., Montgomery Co	0.7 MGD
Collection System	Series of 8"-15" plastic and du	ctile gravity and 4 lift stations. 2 force mains directly to plant.	
Treatment Plant	Lakeside grit and rag removal,	, flow through SBR designed by Lakeside, UV disinfection.	
	Thickened sludge hauled to Cl	ass A facility.	
	WQM# 1584417 T-1,		
	1597412 T-1, 1503407 T-1,		
East Bradford	1585415 T-1, and		MGD (total of
Collection System	1592415 T-1	East Bradford Twp, Chester County	1.274 5 permits)
Collection System	• • •	em and 5 pumping stations with force main to West Chester treatment	ient plant.
Treatment Plant	N/A		
Cheltenham Township Collection			
System		Cheltenham Twp, Montgomery County	16 MGD
Collection System	8" Terra Cotta gravity collectio		
Treatment Plant	N/A		
Troatmont Fiant			

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610. Territory Served Report below the number of customers at the end of the year in respondent's distribution system in which service is furnished, setting forth by counties the number of customers and average number of customers during the year.

County Code	Name of Pennsylvania County	Number Of Customers At End Of Year	Average Number Of Customers During Year
	(a)	(b)	(c)
01	Adams	201	192
02	Allegheny		
03	Armstrong		
04 05	Beaver Bedford		
06	Berks	270	
07	Blair	270	
08	Bradford		
09	Bucks	213	21-
10	Butler		
11	Cambria		
12	Cameron		
13	Carbon	970	1,00
14	Centre	1.055	1.22
15	Chester	4,357	4,33
16	Clarion	53	6
17	Clearfield	2,171	2,21
18 19	Clinton Columbia		
20	Crawford		
20	Cumberland		
22	Dauphin		
23	Delaware	7,097	7,11
23	Elk	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,,
25	Erie		
26	Fayette		
27	Forest		
28	Franklin		
29	Fulton		
30	Greene		
31	Huntingdon		
32	Indiana		
33	Jefferson		
34	Juniata		24
35	Lackawanna		344
36 37	Lancaster Lawrence		
38	Lebanon		
39	Lehigh		
40	Luzerne	2,914	1,917
41	Lycoming	_,,	- ,,
42	McKean		
43	Mercer		
44	Mifflin		
45	Monroe	1,077	1,09
46	Montgomery	15,693	10,72
47	Montour		
48	Northampton		
49	Northumberland		
50	Perry		
51	Philadelphia	1.000	1.00
52	Pike	1,968	1,99
53 54	Potter Schuylkill	151	1,20
55	Snyder	151	1,20
56	Somerset		
57	Sullivan		
58	Susquehanna		
59	Tioga		
60	Union		
61	Venango	349	35
62	Warren		
63	Washington		
	Wayne	296	
64			
64 65	Westmoreland		
64 65 66	Wyoming	422	39
64 65		422 38,202	39 33,16

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Response of the Office of Consumer Advocate to Interrogatories of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater Set VI

Aqua-VI-12RE: Exhibit RCS-3 (Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes); please
provide all source documents, workpapers, and native electronic files
used to determine the Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes utilized
by OCA. Please provide the annual Accumulated Deferred Income
Tax balance and annual tax depreciation for each year 2021 through
2044.

RESPONSE:

The annual ADIT balance and annual tax depreciation for each year 2021 through 2044 was not used for Exhibit RCS-3.

Respondent: Ralph C. Smith

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Aqua-VI-13Please provide a copy of the source for the purchase price, Gross
PP&E, Net PP&E, population and number of customers for each
comparable acquisition used in OCA Exhibit RCS-4 if that value
differs from the value used in the Gannett Fleming appraisal.

RESPONSE: Not applicable.

Respondent: Ralph C. Smith