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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

North Heidelberg Sewer Company and Section 529 Investigation – North Heidelberg Sewer Company Docket Nos. M-2018-2645983 I-2018-3001161

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached for electronic filing please find the Office of Consumer Advocate's (OCA) Letter regarding the Petition of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. To Affirm And Clarify The Conditions Set Forth In Appendix A Of The Opinion And Order Entered February 9, 2018 (Petition) filed in the above-captioned proceeding on September 14, 2021.

Consistent with Commission precedent and, specifically, the case law cited by the Company in support of its Petition, if the Commission grants the Petition, the OCA submits that it should do so by clearly indicating that the authorization for deferred accounting is for accounting purposes only and does not constitute approval for ratemaking purposes.

Copies have been served per the attached Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

cc: The Honorable Steven K. Haas (email only) Office of Special Assistants (email only: <u>ra-OSA@pa.gov</u>) Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re:	Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	:	
	V.	:	Docket Nos. M-2018-2645983
	North Heidelberg Sewer Company and	:	I-2018-3001161
	Section 529 Investigation – North Heidelberg	:	
	Sewer Company	:	

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

Dated this 20th day of September 2021.

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