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#### **VIA E-FILING**

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 2nd Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Application of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. pursuant to Sections 507,

1102 and 1329 of the Public Utility Code for Approval of its Acquisition of the Wastewater System Assets of the Delaware County Regional Water Quality

Control Authority, Docket No. A-2019-3015173

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. ("Aqua") files and serves this Second Status Report in connection with the above-captioned proceeding, as directed by the Presiding Officer, Administrative Law Judge F. Joseph Brady, in his Interim Order Granting Joint Motion for Stay ("Order Granting Stay") dated February 6, 2023. The Order Granting Stay was based on the City of Chester's request in its bankruptcy proceeding at Case No. 22-13032 for a stay of Aqua's Application proceeding at Docket A-2019-3015173, and DELCORA's Complaint for Declaratory Judgment against Aqua and Delaware County before the Delaware Court of Common Pleas at Docket No. CV-2023-000494. Accordingly, Aqua reports on the status of these proceedings.

### In re: City of Chester, Pennsylvania, Debtor, Case No. 22-13032

Consistent with Bankruptcy Judge Ashely M. Chan's Order of March 7, 2023, Aqua has participated in the sixty (60) day period of discussions on the City of Chester's claimed reversionary interests in the DELCORA wastewater system. Judge Chan conducted a hearing for May 15, 2023, at which time the City of Chester, Aqua and DELCORA reported to the Court on the status of the Parties' efforts toward identifying and reaching an agreement regarding identification of any assets subject to the claimed reversionary interest. At the hearing, Aqua identified assets it believed may be subject to the reversionary interest. Aqua also committed to recognize a Reversionary Interest with respect to any assets that are ultimately identified as subject to that interest. On May 23, 2023, the Bankruptcy Court issued an order staying Aqua's DELCORA application before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC"). Aqua

subsequently filed a Notice of Appeal on June 6, 2023 to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Aqua's brief in support of the appeal is due August 7, 2023.

# DELCORA Complaint for Declaratory Judgment against Aqua and Delaware County before the Delaware Court of Common Pleas, Docket No. CV-2023-000494

In this proceeding, Aqua has filed Preliminary objections against DELCORA's Complaint, which are pending for decision. Delaware County has filed an Answer to DELCORA' Complaint. The court has scheduled a hearing on Aqua's preliminary objections for October 12, 2023.

Copies of this Status Report have been served on Parties to this proceeding, as indicated in the attached Certificate of Service.

Very truly yours,

John F. Povilaitis

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cc: Certificate of Service

The Honorable F. Joseph Brady

## BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Application of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. pursuant to Sections 1102, 1329 and 507 of

the Public Utility Code for approval of the acquisition by Aqua of the wastewater system

assets of the Delaware County Regional Water

Quality Control Authority

Docket No. A-2019-3015173

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that this day I served a copy of the foregoing document upon the persons

listed below in the manner indicated in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54.

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