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August 7, 2023

The Honorable F. Joseph Brady Administrative Law Judge Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 801 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19107

Re:

Application of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 1101, 1329 and 507 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

Your Honor:

Pursuant to your Interim Order Granting Joint Motion for Stay (the "Stay Order"), Issued February 6, 2023, the Delaware County Regional Water Control Authority ("DELCORA") is filing and serving this written status report detailing the procedural status and litigation schedule for the Complaint for Declaratory Judgment filed in the Court of Common Pleas, Delaware County, in Docket No. CV-2023-000494 ("Declaratory Judgment Matter") and also for the Receiver for the City of Chester's Motion of

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Debtor Pursuant to Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code for Entry of an Order Enforcing the Automatic Stay of Proceeding Pending Before the Pennsylvania Public Utilities [sic] Commission ("Bankruptcy Matter").

Since the most recent update was filed on May 8, 2023, the following procedural milestones have occurred in the Declaratory Judgment Matter:

Aqua has filed Preliminary Objections to the DELCORA Complaint, which are pending a decision. The court has scheduled a hearing on Aqua's Preliminary Objections to be held on October 12, 2023.

Since the most recent update was filed on May 8, 2023, the following procedural milestones have occurred in the Bankruptcy Matter:

On May 15, 2023 Judge Ashley M. Chan conducted a hearing, at which time Aqua, the City of Chester and DELCORA reported to the Judge the status of their efforts to identify and finalize an agreement regarding the assets subject to the City of Chester's reversionary interest. At the hearing DELCORA stated that to define the assets subject to the reversionary interest with complete certainty required a field study of the system's assets. The request for proposal has been submitted for that field study and DELCORA's deadline for responses is Friday, September 8, 2023.

On May 23, 2023 the Bankruptcy Court issued an order staying Aqua's DELCORA application before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC"). Aqua 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, but Aqua has requested an extension of that deadline.

As shown by the attached Certificate of Service, all parties to these proceedings are being duly service via email only.

Very truly yours,

Michael P. Clarke

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## BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Michael P. Clarke, Esq., hereby certify that I have served a true and correct copy of the foregoing DELCORA Status Update to the parties listed below in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.54 (relating to service by a party) via electronic mail.

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