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February 5, 2024

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

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

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Pursuant to Administrative Law Judge F. Joseph Brady's Interim Order Granting Joint Motion for Stay (the "Stay Order"), issued February 6, 2023, the Delaware County Regional Water Quality 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

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Receiver for the City of Chester's Motion of 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").

# **DELCORA Declaratory Judgment**

The presiding Judge cancelled the October 12, 2023 hearing and advised parties that hearings on this matter would be postponed until a decision was rendered in the pending Appeal in Commonwealth Court at 1347 CD 2022, regarding the jurisdiction of the Court of Common Pleas.

#### **UNIVEST Resignation as Trustee**

Counsel for Univest requested a 60-day continuance for the hearing which was scheduled for November 20, 2023. This matter has been scheduled for the trial term of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The parties are continuing to discuss an amicable resolution to this matter.

## **Bankruptcy**

The status of the Bankruptcy and Aqua's appeal of Judge Ashley M. Chan's Order granting the City of Chester's Motion to Enforce Stay remains unchanged. The parties filed their briefs and there has been no further movement.

### **Aqua's Declaratory Judgment**

Since the most recent status report was submitted on November 6, 2023, the DELCORA filed an Answer to Preliminary Objections and a corresponding brief on December 1, 2023. At this time no hearings have been scheduled or Orders entered related to the Answer.

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

Very truly yours,

Afterlas Of Care

Michael P. Clarke

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#### **BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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Of the Wastewater System Assets of the Delaware:
County Regional Water Quality Control Authority:

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Michael P. Clarke, Esquire, 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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