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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

RE: Joint Application of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. and Total Environmental Solutions, Inc.;
Docket Nos. A-2012-2322416 and A-2012-2322501

Joint Application of Little Washington Wastewater Company d/b/a Suburban
Water Company and Total Environmental Solutions, Inc.;
Docket Nos. A-2012-2322448 and A-2012-2322509

Honorable Secretary Chiavetta,

We are writing on behalf of our client, the City of DuBois – Water Bureau ("City Water Bureau" or "City"). Reference is made to correspondence filed with your office on November 29, 2012 by Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. and Little Washington Wastewater Company (collectively "Aqua" or "Applicants"). The City Water Bureau is unclear as to the purpose served by Aqua's letter to the Commission Secretary in an open Docket.

The City nonetheless respectfully submits that it is completely confident in the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's ("PUC" or "Commission") ability to assess its Rules and Regulations to timely evaluate, on procedural and substantive bases, the City's recent Reply to Answer and New Matter filed with the Commission at this docket on November 21, 2012, as well as the City's Protest *Nunc Pro Tunc* ("Protest") filed on November 9, 2012. The City will further suggest that its Answer and New Matter, as well as its Protest, provide a legal framework upon which the PUC can appropriately rely. Paradoxically, Aqua fails to identify any procedural or legal authority for arguments raised in its November 29, 2012 letter.

The City would also submit that it is similarly confident in the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate's ("OCA") ability to formally and properly speak for itself with regard to matters of the public interest. As clearly stated in its Petition to Intervene, OCA "seeks to represent the interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission." Accordingly, the City, and the affected ratepayers in the transaction contemplated at this Docket, would doubtlessly prefer OCA directly address any concerns regarding the prospective provision of safe and reliable water and wastewater service, or lack thereof, rather than relying upon the scant paraphrase set forth in Aqua's letter to the Commission Secretary.

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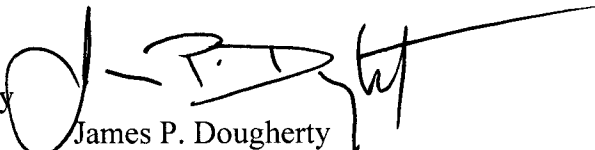
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The City applauds Aqua's attempt to advance the dialogue, if that were its intent, in this matter of vital importance. Accordingly, consistent with the above comments, the City has every confidence in the Commission's ability to assign the appropriate evidentiary weight and attention to Aqua's November 29, 2012 letter.

Respectfully,

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