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Gladys M. Brown, Chairman
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
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Dear Chair Brown:

I write today in response to calls that I received from Limerick Township in my legislative district.

I am proud to serve the constituents of this growing community which is taking forward thinking steps to plan for future economic development and growth. I support the Township's decision as an elected body to make the decision to focus its efforts on other services within the community it serves.

As you know, the sale of the Limerick Township Wastewater system to Aqua Pennsylvania is presently before the Commission under reconsideration. It was the Township's and Aqua's intention to close this transaction on December 31, 2017. At that time, Aqua's team of wastewater operational staff and experts would have begun to operate the system. Ongoing meetings continue to be held to provide for a smooth transition in ownership. However, the delay in closing this transaction is causing staffing issues, planning issues and a delay in capital improvements.

I note that the buyer has committed to a number of capital improvements well within its area of expertise including:

- a sludge dewatering project which will decrease the amount of sludge returned back to the environment.
- improvements to the collection system, including sewer lining and repair that will reduce inflow and infiltration into the treatment plant.
- completing repairs to pump stations including formal odor control system, crane repairs, electrical repairs, wet well interior corrosion protection, general station repairs, and pump electrical controls modifications.

The Commission approved the acquisition on November 29, 2017, and found that the transaction was in the public interest benefitting both Limerick wastewater customers and the customers of Aqua. I respectfully ask that you take action on the reconsideration motion and follow the intent of Act 12 as possible so that the buyer and seller can move to close the transaction as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Tom Quigley
State Representative, 146th District

CC: Andrew G. Place, Vice Chairman, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
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