Application of Pennsylvania-American Water Company for Acquisition of the Water Assets of Valley Township 66 Pa. C.S. § 1329 Application Filing Checklist – Water/Wastewater Docket No. A-2020-3019859

1. Transmittal letter with caption and statement that the filing is pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 1329.

RESPONSE: See enclosed transmittal letter from David P. Zambito, Esquire, with caption and statement that the filing is pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 1329.



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VIA E-FILING (COVER LETTER AND CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE ONLY)

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

Re: Application and related filings of Pennsylvania-American Water Company under Sections 507, 1102(a), and 1329 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. §§ 507, 1102(a), 1329, for approval of its acquisition of the water treatment and distribution system of Valley Township, related water service rights, fair market valuation ratemaking treatment, deferral of the post-acquisition improvement costs, and certain contracts with municipal corporations; Docket No. A-2020-3019859 et al.

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are the above-referenced application and related filings of Pennsylvania-American Water Company ("PAWC") for its acquisition of Valley Township's water treatment and distribution system. This filing is made pursuant to Sections 507 (related to filing of contracts with municipal corporations), 1102 (related to certificates of public convenience), and 1329 (determination of fair market value for ratemaking purposes) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code ("Code"), Pa. C.S. §§ 507, 1102, 1329.

Copies of the Application have been served upon the public advocates in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service and in accordance with the Commission's Final Supplemental Implementation Order entered February 28, 2019 at Docket No. M-2016-2543193. Due to the current closure of the Commission's offices as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Application and related filings will be uploaded to the Commission's SharePoint site instead of a hard copy being hand-delivered for filing, as instructed by the Secretary's office.

Enclosed on behalf of PAWC as part of the Section 1329 filing requirements are the direct testimonies and accompanying exhibits of the following:

- 1. Direct Testimony of Keith E. Gabage, Senior Manager of Business Development, PAWC (PAWC St. No. 1 W);
- 2. Direct Testimony of Michael J. Guntrum, Senior Project Engineer, PAWC (PAWC St. No. 2 W);

- 3. Direct Testimony of Rod P. Nevirauskus, Senior Director of Rates and Regulations for the Mid-Atlantic Division, American Water Works Service Company, on behalf of PAWC (PAWC St. No. 3 W); and,
- 4. Direct Testimony of Jerome C. Weinert, Principal and Director, AUS Consultants, Inc., PAWC's Utility Valuation Expert (PAWC St. No. 4 W).

In addition, as a courtesy to the parties, PAWC is submitting the following direct testimony and accompanying exhibits on behalf of Valley Township. PAWC's submission of this testimony should not be considered support for or sponsoring of such testimony. PAWC anticipates that Valley Township will intervene in this matter and will submit its direct testimony and exhibits.

- 1. Direct Testimony of Patrice Proctor, Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors of Valley Township (Valley Township St. No. 1 W); and,
- 2. Harold Walker III, Manager Financial Studies for Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC, Valley Township's Utility Valuation Expert (Valley Township St. No. 2 W).

Copies of this prepared direct testimony and accompanying exhibits can be found at **Appendix A-13-a** and **A-13-b** (Valley Township) and **Appendix A-14-a** and **A-14-b** (PAWC) of the Application.

In compliance with Code Section 507, 66 Pa. C.S. § 507, PAWC has also included a copy of the Asset Purchase Agreement for this transaction. This agreement can be found at **Appendix A-24-a** (CONFIDENTIAL) of the Application. Disclosure of such information could cause competitive harm to PAWC.

Additionally, the map of the System, **Appendix A-16-f** is being filed as **CONFIDENTIAL** due to the location of facilities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

COZEN O'CONNOR

By: David P. Zambito

DPZ Enclosure

cc: Per Certificate of Service Sean Donnelly (Bureau of Technical Utility Services)