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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
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400 North Street
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RE: Docket Number R-2021-30270385

Dear Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta,

As Senator for the 26th Senatorial District, I offer the following public comment on Docket Number R-2021-30273385 for your review and thank you for the opportunity.

The residents of the 26th Senate District have come to rely on AQUA's service, quality water reliability, wastewater operations and community partnership for many years. We understand from time to time, rate increases might be necessary, but given circumstances of the past 18 months, now is not that time.

Many municipalities, individuals and families would be impacted by the rate increase proposed by Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., across the greater southeast region. Under the proposal, more than 490,000 Pennsylvanians would see an increase of 17% in their water bills and a 33% increase in their sewer bills resulting in an average individual seeing a minimum \$30 increase in their combined bills.

Given the economic, social, and emotional impacts individuals and families are facing from the ongoing challenges of COVID-19 many cannot afford that sustained increase. Some in Delaware County are also absorbing higher property tax bills given their recent reassessment and the combined tally could be crushing, particularly for our seniors. Aqua implemented a similar rate increase just three years ago and is again seeking a substantial rate increase despite the challenges of the current times. These conditions demand my opposition to AQUA's rate increase.

I ask that the Public Utility Commission consider the economic impacts of the rate increase and oppose it at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Kearney".

Senator Tim Kearney
26th Senate District