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September 20, 2021

A-2021-3024267

Application of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., (APW), under Sections 1102 and 1329 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa C.S. §§ 1102(a) and 1329 (relating to enumeration of acts requiring certificate and valuation of acquired water and wastewater systems), for approval of: (1) the transfer, by sale, of substantially all of the wastewater system assets, properties and rights of Lower Makefield Township (LMT) related to its wastewater collection and

conveyance system; (2) the right of APW to begin to offer or furnish wastewater service to the public in Lower Makefield Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania; and (3) the use for ratemaking purposes of the lesser fair market value or the

negotiated purchase price of the LMT assets related to its wastewater collection and conveyance system

**TO ALL PARTIES:**

Enclosed is a copy of the Initial Decision of the Office of Administrative Law Judge.

If you do not agree with any part of this decision, you may send written comments (called Exceptions) to the Commission. Your signed Exceptions to the decision, if any, must be: 1) **filed** with the Secretary of the Commission, **and** 2) **within twenty (20) days** of the date of this letter.

In accordance with the requirements of the Commission’s Emergency Order at Docket Number M-2020-3019262 under the pandemic emergency, and since the Commission has no access to mail delivery, Exceptions must be efiled with the Secretary of the Commission by opening an efiling account through the Commission’s website and accepting eservice at <http://www.puc.state.pa.us/efiling/default.aspx>. If your filing contains confidential material, you may email your exceptions to rchiavetta@pa.gov .

In addition to filing with the Secretary of the Commission, a courtesy copy of your Exceptions must be emailed to the Commission’s Office of Special Assistants (OSA) at ra-OSA@pa.gov. Your filing should not be larger than 10mb.

Replies to Exceptions, if any, must be efiled with the Secretary of the Commission and **served** on each party of record and the Commission’s Office of Special Assistants in the manner described above. **They are due within ten (10) days of the date when Exceptions are due**.

It is your responsibility to serve all the parties with your Exceptions and Replies to Exceptions. Failure to do so may render your filing unacceptable. A certificate of service (see format in 52 Pa. Code §1.58) shall be attached to the filed Exceptions or Replies to Exceptions.

Exceptions and Replies to Exceptions shall follow 52 Pa. Code §§5.533 and 5.535 particularly the 40‑page limit for Exceptions and the 25‑page limit for Replies to Exceptions. Exceptions should clearly be labeled as "EXCEPTIONS OF (name of party) - (protestant, complainant, staff, etc.)". Any reference to specific sections of the Administrative Law Judge’s Initial Decision shall include the page number(s) of the cited section of the decision.

If no Exceptions are received, the decision of the Administrative Law Judge could become final without further Commission action. You will receive written notification if this occurs. However, even if no exceptions are received, the Commission may review and change the decision pursuant to Section 332(h) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 332(h) and 52 Pa. Code Section 5.536.

 Sincerely,

 Rosemary Chiavetta

 Secretary

**Decision attached**