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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Public Utility Commission
PO Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

**Re: Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. Rate Case for New Garden Township, Chester County
Original Tariff Sewer – PA P.U.C. No. 3
R-2021-3027385**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

As a ratepayer of the system, the New Garden Township (the “Township”) Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) recently received notice of the request by Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Aqua”) to raise wastewater rates in New Garden Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, effective October 19, 2021. After reviewing the proposed increase and listening to the concerns of our citizens at our public Board meeting on September 20, 2021, we write to you today to request that a public input hearing be held within the municipal boundaries of the Township and that, should the Public Utility Commission (“PUC”) grant Aqua’s request for a rate increase, such an increase should be limited to the lowest amount possible under Pennsylvania law.

At our most recent Board meeting, many members of our community attended in order to voice their opposition to the rate increase requested by Aqua. The concerns cited by our residents included the effects of such an increase on those with a fixed income, as well as the amount of the drastic increase of 37.4 percent to both residential and commercial customers.

We respectfully request the PUC to hold a public impact hearing in New Garden Township, in order to fully understand the impact of the proposed rates, and to afford our residents the opportunity to more fully participate in these proceedings. We have no doubt that it would be well attended by members of the public and would allow the PUC to directly hear the concerns of Aqua customers within New

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Garden Township in these difficult times. We would, of course, be more than happy to host this hearing at our municipal building located at 299 Starr Road, Landenberg, PA 19350.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let us know. We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

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