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**Via Electronic Filing**

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

In Re: Application of Columbia Water Company Pursuant to Sections 1102 of the Public Utility Code For: Approval Of the Acquisition Of the Water System Of East Donegal Township Municipal Authority; Approval Of The Right For Columbia Water Company To Offer, Render Furnish And Supply Water Service To The Public In Portions Of East Donegal Township, Lancaster County; Registration Of A Securities Certificate; And all Other Approvals Or Certificates Appropriate, Customary Or Necessary Under The Public Utility Code To Carry Out The Transactions Described In The Application; Request For Certificates Of Filing For Contracts Between Columbia Water Company And East Donegal Township Municipal Authority, Pursuant To Section 507 Of The Public Utility Code; Docket No. A-2021-3027134 and S-2021-3027145; **RESPONSES TO COMMISSIONER RALPH V. YANORA'S OCTOBER 5, 2021 QUESTIONS**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

On behalf of The Columbia Water Company ("CWC") attached please find its Responses to the October 5, 2021 Questions from Commissioner Ralph V. Yanora in the above-referenced proceeding.

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Copies have been served as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Whitney E. Snyder*

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**Responses of Columbia Water Company (“CWC”) to the October 5, 2021 Questions from  
Commissioner Ralph V. Yanora in Docket No. A-2020-3027134**

**Request: Commissioner Yanora-I-2** Columbia Water Company’s (Columbia) efforts to include the EDTWDS in its Act 120 of 2018, 66 Pa. C.S. § 1311(b)(2), customer-owned lead service line replacements;

**Response:** Section 1311(b)(2) is not applicable because there are no municipal-owned or customer-owned lead service lines in the EDTMA water system.

**Response Provided by:** David T. Lewis

**Dated:** October 12, 2021

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**Request: Commissioner Yanora-I-3**

Columbia’s efforts to include the EDTWDS in its tariff cross-connection control requirements regarding 25 Pa. Code §§ 109.709, 109.608, and any applicable provisions of the International Plumbing Code;

**Response:**

Upon Commission approval of the proposed acquisition and closing thereof, CWC will apply these tariff provisions to the EDTWDS system within a reasonable period of time. This is a benefit of CWC acquiring the system. Specifically, CWC will contract with National Water Specialties Company, which provides services to track and monitor devices and contact non-compliant customers to bring them into compliance. See <https://nawsc.net/>

**Response Provided by:**

David T. Lewis

**Dated:**

October 12, 2021

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Commissioner Ralph V. Yanora in Docket No. A-2020-3027134**

**Request: Commissioner Yanora-I-4** Compliance materials of Columbia’s efforts to include the EDTWDS in its operation and maintenance plans required by 25 Pa. Code §109.702 as they relate to adequate, safe, and reasonable service for utility customers and employees;

**Response:** Upon Commission approval of the proposed acquisition and closing thereof, CWC will include the EDTWDS in its operation and maintenance plans within a reasonable period of time. This is a benefit of CWC acquiring the system. CWC is unaware of any non-compliance with these provisions. The DEP non-compliance records for EDTWDS submitted in response to OCA’s informal discover all related to failure to monitor/report for contaminants and failure to issue notice and as noted in the DEP records compliance was achieved for these issues.

**Response Provided by:** David T. Lewis

**Dated:** October 12, 2021













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**Request: Commissioner Yanora-I-10**      Whether Columbia has determined if the EDTWDS’s residential customers have American Society of Sanitary Engineers 1024 backflow assemblies installed at meter locations; and

**Response:**      EDTMA has indicated that approximately 66 percent of its residential customers have backflow prevention devices. Upon Commission approval and closing of the proposed acquisition, Columbia Water Company will work towards having backflow devices installed on all residential services. Specifically, CWC will contract with National Water Specialties Company, which provides services to track and monitor devices and contact non-compliant customers to bring them into compliance. See <https://nawsc.net/>

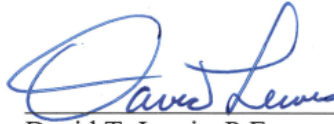
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**Dated:**      October 12, 2021



## VERIFICATION

I, David T. Lewis, on behalf of Columbia Water Company, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing in this matter. This verification is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.



David T. Lewis, P.E.  
Vice President and General Manager  
Columbia Water Company

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the parties, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

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