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Re: Proposed Aqua Pennsylvania Rate Increase, Dockets R-2021-3027385 & R-2021-3027386

October 18, 2021

Dear Judge Long –

As you are aware, Aqua Pennsylvania recently filed proposed water and wastewater rate increases with the Public Utility Commission. Our offices have received a significant amount of correspondence from concerned residents and businesses related to these proposed rate increases.

The PUC holds hearings to gather feedback on proposed rate increases of this nature. It is our understanding that the PUC has moved towards holding these hearings virtually, and that several virtual hearings regarding the Aqua Pennsylvania proposal are scheduled for early November.

While we appreciate the Commission's desire to move towards virtual hearings, we deeply believe traditional, in-person hearings in Southern Chester County regarding this proposed rate increase are warranted. A number of our constituents wish to testify in-person.

A similar rate increase proposal in 2018 led to two hearings in Southern Chester County. These hearings, held at the Jennersville YMCA in West Grove, were very well attended. We anticipate a similar, if not greater, level of participation today.

With this in mind, we strongly encourage the PUC to schedule one or more in-person hearings in Southern Chester County on these proposed rate hikes. If desired, our offices can be of assistance in arranging a suitable location to hold such hearings.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you on this issue. Thank you very much for your continued service to the people of Pennsylvania.

Kind Regards –

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