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Application Docket Number: A- 2021-3026132

Protestant Information

Provide your name, mailing address, county, and telephone numbers.

Name Richard J. Gage

Street/P.O. Box 120 Treaty Drive **Apt #** _____

City Wayne **State** PA **Zip** 19087

County Chester

Telephone Number(s) Where We Can Contact You During the Day:

(610) 296-3057 (home) (_____) (mobile)

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52 Pa. Code Section 5.52 (a)(1)(2)(3)(c) sets forth the content that must be included in the Protest.

(a)(1) What is your alleged right or interest in filing this Protest?

I am an Aqua PA Water customer who will be negatively impacted by both this acquisition and rate base increase proposed by Aqua Pa. In order to cut costs, Aqua PA is delivering dangerous and increasingly excessive water pressures to residential customers and causing damages to homes along with elevated water bills. Over the past 15 years, Aqua PA has failed to invest in methods necessary to deliver water safely to our home and many others, despite complaints. This rate increase and acquisition/expansion must be denied until such time as Aqua PA has resolved their unsafe, high-pressure water issues for their existing customer base.

(a)(2) State your grounds for filing this Protest.

All residents in Chesterbrook have PRVs incorporated into their water systems by developer design in coordination with the respective water company for the area at _____ the time of construction. We built our home in 1983. Years later, we became aware that the water pressures being delivered to our residence (and other homeowners) exceeded PUC regs. and have continued to increase to their current, documented levels of 190-250 p.s.i. These dangerously excessive pressures have ruptured PRVs due to premature fatigue as well as damaging faucets, valves, water tanks, appliances, pipes, walls, floor coverings and furnishings. Water billings have also been elevated due to the extremely high, water pressures.

(a)(3) Set forth facts that you – as the Protestant – have standing to file a Protest. (This means that you must state facts showing that you are affected by this Application).

I have filed three Formal Complaints during Aqua PA rate increase/acquisition requests to the PUC (Docket Nos. C-2008-2018971, C-2020-3021899 and C-2021-3029393), the first two seeking reduction of pressure and reimbursement for damages. Aqua PA settled the first two complaints for full repair costs and billing adjustments for water wasted (\$3,325.00), but Aqua has failed to reduce any water pressures. The third Formal Complaint for pressure reduction changes and damage costs (TBD) is still pending ADJ decision. Aqua's counsel has previously admitted during settlement that "Aqua prefers to pay off these situations rather than make the necessary improvements to correct a problem they know they have".

(c) You must file your Protest by the deadline stated in the publication of the Application; file your Protest timely with the Secretary of the Commission; serve (mail by first class) a copy of your Protest (at the time you file it) to the Applicant or Counsel for the Applicant.

Legal Representation (52 Pa. Code Section 1.21)

If you are filing a protest to an Application as an individual, you are not required to have a lawyer. You may represent yourself during the proceedings. However, all others are required to be represented by a lawyer during the proceedings.

If you are represented by a lawyer in this matter, provide your lawyer's name, address, telephone number, and email address, if known.

Lawyer's Name _____

Street/P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Area Code/Phone Number _____

Email Address (if known) _____

Verification: (52 Pa. Code Section 1.36(b))

I swear that the facts I am presenting in this Protest are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that the statements I am making in this Protest are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. Section 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Richard J. Gage
(Original Signature)

February 4, 2022
(Date)

Certificate of Service: (52 Pa. Code Section 1.58)

I certify that I have this day served a true copy of my Protest on the following: (list names and addresses of those served by first class mail) Service via email.

Thomas Niesen, Esquire (tniesen@tntlawfirm.com)

Date: This day 4th of February, 2022

Richard J. Gage

(Original Signature of Protestant)

HOW TO FILE

To file your Protest with the PUC, mail the completed form (along with any attachments) to the addresses listed below:

Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street
Commonwealth Keystone Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

We recommend using overnight delivery service to ensure timely filing.

You may also eFile your Protest by going to the Commission's website at www.puc.pa.gov and visiting our eFiling page. You must open an eFiling account (free of charge) and follow instructions.

If you have any questions about filling out this form, please contact the Secretary's Bureau at 717-772-7777.

Keep a copy of this filing for your records.