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May 11, 2022

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

Re: Docket Nos. R-2021-3027385 and R-2021-3027386

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission:

As state representative for the 161st Legislative District in Delaware County, I must write to express my opposition of Aqua Pennsylvania Inc. (Aqua Water) and Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater Inc. (Aqua Wastewater)'s plan to raise the rates; up to a 17.9% price hike on their consumers, a good amount of whom are my constituents.

Aqua's primary reason for the requested increase is to recover \$1.1 billion it has spent to upgrade its distribution and treatment systems.

Many Pennsylvanians are still in the midst of recovering from the hit that COVID-19 did on the economy and how that impacted them economically, while also needing to catch up on their utility bills. A rate hike would end up pushing these struggling constituents financially back farther and farther; and on top of all of that it would create unnecessary hardships for our working families and seniors living on fixed incomes within my represented communities. Aqua raised their rates not so long ago, so considering that it is very hard to justify such an increase after the last few years that I and my constituents have had economically.

I strongly urge PUC to reject Aqua's request for a rate hike and put the people of Pennsylvania first.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Krueger".

Leanne Krueger