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Re: Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. Section 1329 Application for the  
Acquisition of the Willistown Township Wastewater System  
Docket No. A-2021-3027268

Dear Mr. Swift:

Thank you for your correspondence of July 12, 2022, a copy of which is attached. This matter has been addressed in detail by the Administrative Law Judge and the Commission in its Opinion and Order entered on July 8, 2022, at Docket No. A-2021-3027268, on pages 23-28 wherein it concluded that “the Parties in this proceeding were provided the required notice of the proposed transaction and were given an opportunity to be heard on all issues.”

This matter is now closed.

Sincerely,

Renardo L. Hicks  
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Enclosure

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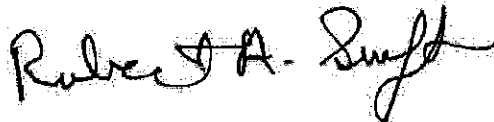
**Re: Request for Independent Investigation, Dkt No. A-2021-3027268**

Dear Mr. Hicks:

On March 4, 2022, I wrote the PUC Secretary, Rosemary Chiavetta, seeking an independent investigation of the apparent collusion between her and Aqua's outside counsel, Thomas Niesen, in setting a case deadline of 154 days contrary to the PUC's Final Implementation Order. I copied the three PUC Commissioners and others. By letter dated March 24, 2022, you notified me that the Commission "takes allegations of impropriety very seriously." You then filed both letters in the docket of Case No. A-2021-3027268.

Apparently, neither you nor the Commission take allegations of impropriety seriously. To my knowledge, there has been no investigation and, in the Commission's decision of July 8, 2022, no ruling on the impropriety. This is an outrage and a dereliction of duty on your part. If a public agency cannot police itself, then the task is left to the Attorney General of Pennsylvania and, in this case, the Commonwealth Court. I shall ask both to review this matter. I shall also docket this letter so there is a record in Case No. A-2021-3027268.

Very truly yours,



Robert A. Swift

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Cc via e-mail: All parties