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Via Electronic Mail Only

The Honorable Darlene D. Heep
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Office of Administrative Law Judge
801 Market Street, Suite 4063
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Re: Application of Quentin Water Co. for Approval of the
Abandonment and Transfer of Water Service to
Customers in West Cornwall Township, Lebanon
County, Pennsylvania to West Cornwall Township
Municipal Authority
Docket No. A-2022-3035731

Dear Judge Heep:

As directed in Prehearing Order #2, attached please find the parties' Second Joint Status Report in this proceeding.

Copies have been served per the attached Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Application of Quentin Water Co. for :
Approval of the Abandonment and Transfer of :
Water Service to Customers in West Cornwall : Docket No. A-2022-3035731
Township, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania to :
West Cornwall Township Municipal Authority :

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the following document, the Office of Consumer Advocate's Second Joint Status Report, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below:

Dated this 20th day of January 2023.

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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of Quentin Water Company	:	A-2022-3035731
for the approval of the Abandonment and	:	
Transfer of Water Services to customers in West	:	
Cornwall Township, Lebanon County,	:	
Pennsylvania to West Cornwall	:	
Township Authority	:	

SECOND JOINT STATUS REPORT

I. BACKGROUND

On or about September 29, 2022, Quentin Water Company (Quentin) filed an Application seeking Public Utility Commission (Commission) approval to transfer its water system assets and customers to the West Cornwall Township Municipal Authority (WCTMA). The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a Protest on October 31, 2022. Quentin filed a Response to the OCA’s Protest on November 7, 2022.

A telephonic prehearing conference was held on November 16, 2022 before Presiding Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Darlene D. Heep. No litigation schedule was established. The OCA requested and Quentin agreed that Quentin would mail a letter to customers explaining the proposed transaction, providing contact information for Quentin and the OCA, and allowing the customers an opportunity to provide comment or objection by December 20, 2022.

On November 21, 2022, ALJ Heep issued Prehearing Order #2, which granted the parties’ proposal to submit a status report every 30 days until a hearing date is set. The ALJ directed that the first report should be provided no later than December 21, 2022. The ALJ

further directed that the parties will meet no later than January 10, 2023 to discuss a need for discovery and possible hearing dates.

The OCA and Quentin now submit this Second Status Report.

II. STATUS REPORT

1. On December 20, 2022, the parties filed a First Status Report, which provided the following updates:

a. On November 21, 2022, Quentin provided an affidavit of William Matthews, President of Quentin, stating that the customer letter was mailed to customers on that date.

b. The OCA received informal inquiries from three customers regarding the proposed transaction.

c. As of December 20, 2022, no customers filed comments, objections or protests with the Commission.

d. The parties continued to engage in informal discovery regarding the matters raised in the OCA's Protest and customer inquiries.

2. In response to the ALJ's directive, prior to January 10, 2023, the parties discussed the need for discovery and possible hearing dates.


3. The parties have conducted informal discovery and are preparing a stipulation of facts, which they will request be admitted into the record of this proceeding. The parties anticipate filing the stipulation and any accompanying pleadings within the next 30 days.

4. Based on progress made toward resolution of this matter, the parties do not propose a schedule for litigation at this time.

III. CONCLUSION

The parties continue to request that no procedural schedule be set at this time so the parties can focus on the goal of reaching a resolution that does not require formal litigation. In compliance with Prehearing Order #2, the parties will provide an update to this Status Report on or before February 21, 2023.

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