

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
(Public Utility Commission)

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ROBERT STOCHEL :
and :
TAMARA STOCHEL : CASE NO:
Complainants, : C-2023-3038406
v. :
AQUA PENNSYLVANIA :
WASTEWATER, INC. :
Respondent. :
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Hearing Room 2
Commonwealth Keystone Bldg.
400 North Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Wednesday, April 26, 2023
Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:00 a.m.

BEFORE: THE HONORABLE CHAD L. ALLENSWORTH
Administrative Law Judge

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Administrative Law Judge Chad L. Allensworth
callenswor@pa.gov

RE: Robert & Tamara Stochel v. Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc.
PUC Docket No. C-2023-3038406

Dear Judge Allensworth:

Enclosed are exhibits from Robert & Tamara Stochel for the telephonic hearing scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 10 a.m.

A copy of the enclosed exhibits have been to Mary McFall Hopper who represents Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc.

Sincerely,



Robert B. Stochel Jr
robertstochel55@gmail.com
(732) 754-8588

Cc: Mary McFall Hopper - via email

Exhibit 1

From: Tamara Stochel tamarastochel@hotmail.com
Subject: Fwd: Sewer Bill Inquiry
Date: August 14, 2022 at 10:16 AM
To: robertstochel55@gmail.com

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From: Aqua <custservreply@aquaamerica.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 6:31:51 PM
To: Tamarastochel@hotmail.com <Tamarastochel@hotmail.com>
Subject: Sewer Bill Inquiry

Tamarastochel@hotmail.com

Thank you for contacting Aqua.

You recently had a rate increase that is reflected on your most recent bill. Your water went from a base rate of \$28 to \$30.51 and your sewer went from a base rate of \$31.00 to \$48.20. This would explain why your sewer is higher than your water and especially when your sewer bill is based off of water usage. Being that your base rate is higher, it will most likely be your higher bill.

If you have any further questions, please contact us by phone and we will be happy to assist you.

Please do not reply to this email as it will go to an unmonitored box.

Thank you,

AQUA



762 West Lancaster Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Customer Service Hours:
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
877.WTR.AQUA or 877.987.2782

www.aquaamerica.com

PUBLIC UTILITY CODE (66 PA.C.S.) - DEFINITIONS

Act of Nov. 4, 2016, P.L. 1180, No. 154

Cl. 66

Session of 2016

No. 2016-154

SB 881

Exhibit 2

AN ACT

Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for definitions.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (1)(vii) of the definition of "public utility" in section 102 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, amended June 23, 2016 (P.L.362, No.50), is amended and the section is amended by adding a definition to read:

§ 102. Definitions.

Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent provisions of this part which are applicable to specific provisions of this part, the following words and phrases when used in this part shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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"Public utility."

(1) Any person or corporations now or hereafter owning or operating in this Commonwealth equipment or facilities for:

* * *

(vii) [Sewage] **Wastewater** collection, treatment, or disposal for the public for compensation.

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"**Wastewater.**" Any used water and water-carried solids collected or conveyed by a sewer, including:

(1) Sewage, as defined in section 2 of the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act.

(2) Industrial waste originating from an establishment. For the purposes of this paragraph, the terms "industrial waste" and "establishment" shall be as defined in section 1 of the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394), known as The Clean Streams Law.

(3) Infiltration or inflow into sewers.

(4) Other water containing solids or pollutants.

(5) Storm water which is or will become mixed with waters described under paragraph (1), (2), (3) or (4) within a combined sewer system.

The term does not include storm water collected in a municipal separate storm sewer, as that term is defined by 40 CFR 122.26(b)(8) (relating to storm water discharges (applicable to State NPDES programs, see § 123.25)), that does not flow into a combined sewer system.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED--The 4th day of November, A.D. 2016.

TOM WOLF



An Essential Utilities Company

Service To:
ROBERT STOCHEL
746 TURNBERRY LN
HAZLETON, PA 18202-3432

Account Number
002389275 1440080
EAGLE ROCK
1157468 PWSID # PA3540070

Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.
762 W. Lancaster Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010-3489

Toll Free: 877.987.2782
Fax: 866.780.8292
AquaAmerica.com

Questions about your water/sewer service? Contact us before the due date.
Bill Date: March 28, 2022
Total Amount Due: \$ 99.93
Current Charges Due Date: April 19, 2022

Meter Data

Table with columns: Meter, Size, Billing Period, Days, Read Type, Meter Readings, Usage, Units. Includes summary rows for Average Daily Usage and Total Usage.

Billing Detail

Table listing billing items and amounts: Amount Owed from Last Bill (\$103.47), Total Payments Received (103.47), Remaining Balance (0.00), Customer Charge Water (28.00), Current Water Charges (47.17), Customer Charge Sewer (31.00), Current Sewer Charges (46.96), Distribution System Improvement Charge (Water) (3.54), Distribution System Improvement Charge (Sewer) (2.26), Amount Due (\$99.93).

Water Usage History

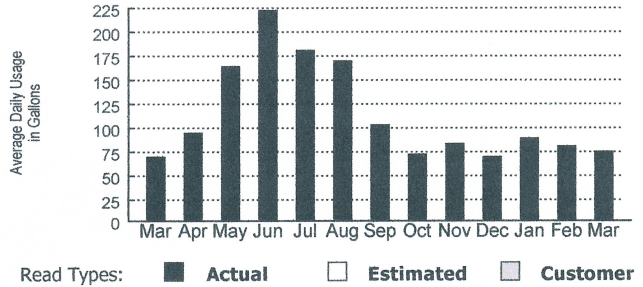


Exhibit 3

Message Center (see reverse side for other information)

- Effective January 1, 2022, the allowable wastewater DSIC is 4.81%. The PA Public Utility Commission permits a maximum wastewater DSIC of 5%.
Effective January 1, 2022, the allowable water DSIC is 7.50%. The PA Public Utility Commission permits a maximum water DSIC of 7.50%.

RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT



An Essential Utilities Company

Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.
762 W. Lancaster Avenue • Bryn Mawr, PA 19010-3489

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
Aqua PA

Account Number
002389275-1440080

Please do not remit payment to the above address

DUE DATE
04/19/2022

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE
\$99.93

Cyc=15WJ 1up=3634710

Seq=5301

Amount Enclosed

Amount Enclosed form with dollar sign and input boxes.



ROBERT STOCHEL
97 SASSAFRAS DR
LUMBERTON NJ 08048-4265

AQUA PENNSYLVANIA
PO BOX 70279
PHILADELPHIA PA 19176-0279



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 Fax: **866.780.8292**
AquaAmerica.com

Questions about your water/sewer service? Contact us before the due date.
 Bill Date **July 28, 2022** Total Amount Due **\$ 281.24** Current Charges Due Date **August 19, 2022**

Meter Data	Meter	Size	Billing Period	Days	Read Type	Meter Readings	Usage	Units
	17323361	5/8	07/26/22	32	Actual	240200	7,900	Gallons
			06/24/22		Actual	232300		
Average Daily Usage = 246 Gallons			Total Days: 32		Total Usage:		7,900	Gallons

Billing Detail

Amount Owed from Last Bill \$ 183.08
 Total Payments Received 183.08
Remaining Balance 0.00
 Customer Charge Water 30.51
 4,000 gallons @ \$0.012231 per gallon..... 48.92
 Next 3,900 gallons @ \$0.015451 per gallon..... 60.26
 Current Water Charges..... 139.69
 Customer Charge Sewer..... 48.20
 7,900 gallons @ \$0.011817 per gallon..... 93.35
 Current Sewer Charges..... 141.55
Amount Due..... \$ 281.24

Water Usage History

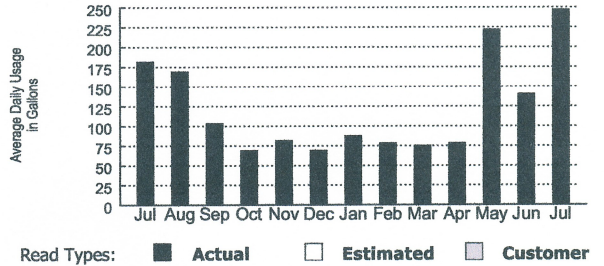


Exhibit 4

Message Center (see reverse side for other information)

- Coming soon: We are excited to announce that a new and improved Aqua website will be launching this summer! The new site will offer user-friendly enhancements and a new look. More details will be shared soon.
- Would you like to quickly and easily learn important information about your water? Please let us know how you want to be contacted via our new automated notification system by clicking on the WaterSmart Alerts button at www.aquaamerica.com.
- The due date refers to current charges and any deferred payment amount only. If you do not pay your bill on time, your service could be subject to interruption. To ensure proper credit, please remember to provide your full 16-digit account number when paying your bill.

RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT



Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.
 762 W. Lancaster Avenue • Bryn Mawr, PA 19010-3489

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
Aqua PA

Account Number
002389275-1440080

DUE DATE
08/19/2022

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE
\$281.24

Please do not remit payment to the above address

Cyc=15WJ 1up=3862051

Seq=20082

Amount Enclosed \$

ROBERT STOCHEL
 97 SASSAFRAS DR
 LUMBERTON NJ 08048-4265

AQUA PENNSYLVANIA
 PO BOX 70279
 PHILADELPHIA PA 19176-0279

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Exhibit 5

Payment Type	Payment Date	Amount	Nickname	Funding Source	Status	Confirmation #
One-Time	04/19/2023	\$124.24		CHK_6148	Complete	AQ0GJRFK
One-Time	03/22/2023	\$129.06		CHK_6148	Complete	AQ0GDOFA
One-Time	02/21/2023	\$133.22		CHK_6148	Complete	AQ0G17P4
One-Time	01/27/2023	\$141.23		CHK_6148	Complete	AQ0FTMO3
One-Time	12/22/2022	\$129.26		CHK_6148	Complete	AQ0FEFKN
One-Time	11/22/2022	\$129.22		CHK_6148	Complete	AQ0F8B39
One-Time	10/25/2022	\$160.48		CHK_6148	Complete	AQ0EXZIU
One-Time	09/06/2022	\$174.90		CHK_6148	Complete	AQ0EJFN5
One-Time	08/20/2022	\$281.24		CHK_6148	Complete	AQ0EEJHZ
One-Time	07/24/2022	\$183.08		CHK_6148	Complete	AQ0E4ZXK
One-Time	06/22/2022	\$187.65		CHK_6148	Complete	AQ0DVCOJ
One-Time	05/04/2022	\$110.16		CHK_6148	Complete	AQ0DFX4P
One-Time	04/27/2022	\$99.93		CHK_6148	Complete	AQ0DAMTA
One-Time	03/10/2022	\$103.47		CHK_6148	Complete	AQ0CY1MA
One-Time	02/23/2022	\$115.92		CHK_6148	Complete	AQ0CTLL9
One-Time	01/28/2022	\$99.93		CHK_6148	Complete	AQ0CE667



AQUA PENNSYLVANIA WASTEWATER, INC.
(hereinafter referred to as the "Company")

RATES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

GOVERNING THE COLLECTIONS OF

WASTEWATER

IN PORTIONS OF

ADAMS, BERKS, BUCKS, CARBON, CHESTER, CLARION, CLEARFIELD, DELAWARE,
LACKAWANNA, LUZERNE, MONROE, MONTGOMERY, PIKE, SCHUYLKILL, VENANGO,
AND WYOMING COUNTIES

IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ISSUED: August 15, 2022

EFFECTIVE: August 12, 2022

By:

Marc Lucca, President
Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.
762 Lancaster Avenue
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010

NOTICE

THIS TARIFF ESTABLISHES THE WASTEWATER RATES FOR THE
CUSTOMERS OF EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP SITUATED WITHIN CHESTER
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORIES SERVED

	<u>Township</u>	<u>County</u>
RATE ZONE 1		
Bunker Hill Subdivision (Rate Zone 1A)	Clinton	Wyoming
Bridlewood Division	Thornbury (portion)	Chester
Eagle Rock Division	Black Creek (portion)	Luzerne
Eagle Rock Division	Hazle (portion)	Luzerne
Eagle Rock Division	East Union (portion)	Schuylkill
Eagle Rock Division	North Union (portion)	Schuylkill
Media Division*	Media	Delaware
Penn Township Division	Penn	Chester
Treasure Lake Division (Rate Zone 1A)*	Sandy	Clearfield
Village at Valley Forge Division (Rate Zone 1A)*	Upper Merion	Montgomery
RATE ZONE 2		
Emlenton Borough Division	Richland (portion)	Clarion
Emlenton Borough Division	Salem (portion)	Clarion
Emlenton Borough Division	Emlenton	Venango
Emlenton Borough Division	Richland (portion)	Venango
Pinecrest Division	Tobyhanna (portion)	Monroe
Rivercrest Division	Tunkhannock	Wyoming
Rivercrest Division	Washington	Wyoming
White Haven Division (Kidder)	Dennison (portion)	Carbon
White Haven Division (Kidder)	East Side (portion)	Carbon
White Haven Division (Kidder)	Dennison (portion)	Luzerne
White Haven Division (Kidder)	White Haven Borough	Luzerne
RATE ZONE 3		
Beech Mountain Lakes Division	Butler	Luzerne
Beech Mountain Lakes Division	Dennison	Luzerne
Deerfield Knoll Division	Willistown (portion)	Chester
Laurel Lakes Division (Wilbar)	Rice	Luzerne
Links at Gettysburg Division	Cumberland	Adams
Links at Gettysburg Division	Mount Joy	Adams
Stony Creek Division	Worcester (portion)	Montgomery
Thornhurst Division	Lehigh	Lackawanna
Willistown Woods Division (Chesterdale)	Westtown (portion)	Chester
Willistown Woods Division (Chesterdale)	Willistown (portion)	Chester
Woodloch Springs Division	Lackawaxen (portion)	Pike
Woodloch Springs Division (Woodloch Pines)	Lackawaxen (portion)	Pike

SCHEDULE OF RATES

RATE ZONE 1 – METERED AND UNMETERED

The rates under this schedule apply to all customer classes in the territories served subject to Rate Zone 1 rates as noted in the Description of Territories Served section under this tariff unless otherwise specifically identified below.

NON-RESIDENTIAL

MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE

Customer Charge (\$)	Rate Zone 1	Rate Zone 1A
Fixed (per EDU)	\$ 47.35	\$ 47.35
<u>Meter Size:</u>		
5/8 inch	47.35	47.35
3/4 inch	71.03	47.35
1 inch	118.38	47.35
1-1/2 inch	236.75	94.70
2 inch	378.80	151.52
3 inch	710.25	284.10
4 inch	1,183.75	473.50
6 inch	2,367.50	763.71
8 inch	3,788.00	
10 inch	5,445.25	

Unmetered Charge (per EDU)	\$ 93.78	\$ 93.78
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Special Charges

Bridlewood Division - Unmetered:

Apartment Complex will be billed at 217 EDU's

Children's World Daycare will be billed at 7 EDU's

MONTHLY CONSUMPTION CHARGE

Consumption Charge for all divisions (per 1,000 gallons water used)	\$ 11.6080	\$ 11.6080
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SCHEDULE OF RATES

RATE ZONE 1 – METERED AND UNMETERED (cont'd)

RESIDENTIAL**MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE**

Customer Charge (\$)	Rate Zone 1	Rate Zone 1A
Fixed (per EDU)	\$ 48.20	\$ 48.20
<u>Meter Size:</u>		
5/8 inch	48.20	48.20
3/4 inch	72.30	48.20
1 inch	120.50	48.20
1-1/2 inch	241.00	96.40
2 inch	385.60	154.24
3 inch	723.00	289.20
4 inch	1,205.00	482.00
6 inch	2,410.00	777.42
8 inch	3,856.00	
10 inch	5,543.00	
 Unmetered Charge (per EDU)	 \$ 95.47	 \$ 95.47

MONTHLY CONSUMPTION CHARGE

Consumption Charge for all divisions (per 1,000 gallons water used)	\$ 11.8170	\$ 11.8170
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General

Creation Date 9/15/2022 9:50:21 AM
PUC Address P O Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105
Case Number 3855570
Account Number 0023892751440080
File Type CLOSING

Company Information

Company Name AQUA PA (ALL DIVISIONS)
Company Code 0388
Company Type WATER PRIVATE

Customer Information

Name ROBERT STOCHEL
Service Address 1 746 TURNBERRY LN
Service Address 2
Service City HAZELTON
Service State PA
Service Zip (5) 18202
Service Zip (4)

BCS Information

BCS Investigator Name MATTHEW BOPP
BCS Phone Area Code
BCS Phone Number
BCS Fax Area Code 717
BCS Fax Number 7876641
BCS Intaker Name
Number of Times Sent 1
Number of Times Faxed 0

Closed Case Details

Decision/Issue ✓
Oral/Written W
Violation NO
Chapter
Section Rule
Total Balance \$281.24
Date Closed 9/15/2022 12:00:00 AM
Balance Date 8/9/2022 12:00:00 AM
Resolution DECISION ISSUED: THE COMPANY IS PROPERLY BASING THE SEWER BILL OFF THE TOTAL GALLONS OF WATER CONSUMPTION, PER THEIR PUC APPROVED TARIFF. THE COMPANY DOES NOT SEPARATE THE WATER AND SEWER BILLS. CASE DISMISSED.
Service Restored Pay \$0.00
Service Continue Amount \$0.00
Service Continue Date

Terms

Special Budget Amount \$0.00
Regular Budget Amount \$0.00
Arrears Payment Plus \$0.00
Final Monthly Payment \$0.00
Current Monthly Payment \$0.00
End Monthly Payment \$0.00

Letter Description

Head Date 9/15/2022 12:00:00 AM

Bill Date

Reconnect Amount \$0.00

Pay Amount \$0.00