



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING  
400 NORTH STREET  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO OUR FILE

May 18, 2023

A-2022-3034143

*Application of Aqua Pennsylvania Inc, pursuant to Sections 1102 and 1329 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code for:*  
*(1) approval of the acquisition by Aqua of the water system assets of the Borough of Shenandoah ("Shenandoah" or "Borough") and the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Shenandoah ("MABS" or the "Authority") situated in the Borough Of Shenandoah, West Mahanoy Township, Mahanoy Township, Butler Township, Girardville Borough, Township, Butler Township, Girardville Borough,*  
*(2) approval of the right of Aqua to begin to offer, render, furnish and supply water service in the Borough of Shenandoah, West Mahanoy Township, Mahanoy Township, Butler Township, and Girardville Borough, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania; and*  
*(3) an order approving the acquisition that includes the ratemaking rate base of the Borough and MABS water system assets pursuant to Section 1329(c)(2) of the Public Utility Code.*  
*Request for Approval of the Contract, between Aqua, the Borough and MABS, Pursuant to Section 507 of the Public Utility Code*

TO ALL PARTIES:

Enclosed is a copy of the Recommended Decision of the Office of Administrative Law Judge.

If you do not agree with any part of this decision, you may send written comments (called Exceptions) to the Commission. Your signed Exceptions to the decision, if any, must be: 1) **filed** with the Secretary of the Commission, **and** 2) to each party of record, **within ten (10) days of the date of this letter**.

Exceptions must be efiled with the Secretary of the Commission by opening an efilings account through the Commission's website and accepting eservice at <http://www.puc.state.pa.us/efiling/default.aspx>. If your filing contains confidential material, you are required to file by overnight delivery to ensure the timely filing of your submission.

In addition to filing with the Secretary of the Commission, a courtesy copy of your Exceptions must be emailed to the Commission's Office of Special Assistants (OSA) at [ra-OSA@pa.gov](mailto:ra-OSA@pa.gov). Your filing should not be larger than 10mb.

Replies to Exceptions, if any, must be **filed** with the Secretary of the Commission and **served** on each party of record and the Commission's OSA, in the manner described above. **They are due within seven (7) days of the date when Exceptions are due.**

It is your responsibility to serve all the parties with your Exceptions and Replies to Exceptions. Failure to do so may render your filing unacceptable. A certificate of service (see format in 52 Pa. Code §1.58) shall be attached to the filed Exceptions or Replies to Exceptions.

Exceptions and Replies to Exceptions shall follow 52 Pa. Code §§5.533 and 5.535 particularly the 40-page limit for Exceptions and the 25-page limit for Replies to Exceptions. Exceptions should clearly be labeled as "EXCEPTIONS OF (name of party) - (protestant, complainant, staff, etc.)". Any reference to specific sections of the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Decision shall include the page number(s) of the cited section of the decision.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Chialetta  
Secretary

**Decision attached**