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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
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Re: Petition of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. for
Approval of its Lead Service Line
Replacement Program
Docket No. P-2023-3044459

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached for electronic filing please find the Office of Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention and Public Statement in the above-referenced proceeding.

Copies have been served as indicated on the enclosed Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Petition of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. for :
Approval of its Lead Service Line : Docket No. P-2023-3044459
Replacement Program :

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the following document, the Office of Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention and Public Statement, 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. This document was filed electronically on the Commission's electronic filing system.

Dated this 18th day of January 2024.

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BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Petition of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. : Docket No. P-2023-3044459
For Approval of its Lead :
Service Line Replacement Program :

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
OF THE
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.71-74, the Office of Consumer Advocate hereby gives Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceedings. A copy of all correspondence and notices, documents, orders or other communications with respect to the above-captioned proceeding should be addressed to the following:

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PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE
PURSUANT TO 71 P.S. SECTION 309-4(e)

Act 161 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 71 P.S. Section 309-2, as enacted July 9, 1976, authorizes the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Consumer Advocate determined to file a Notice of Intervention and participate in this proceeding before the Commission involving Aqua Pennsylvania Inc.'s (Aqua or Company) lead service line replacement plan.

On November 27, 2023, Aqua filed a Petition for Approval of its Lead Service Line Replacement Program. The proposed LSLR program and plan will allow the Company to recover the costs for LSL replacements, both Company-owned and customer-owned, through its base rates and DSIC. 66 Pa. C.S. § 1311(b)(2). For customers, the LSLR plan has the potential to provide both financial and public health benefits.

The Consumer Advocate has determined that it is necessary to participate in this proceeding to protect the interests of Aqua's customers. The Office of Consumer Advocate will seek to ensure that the Company develops a fair and equitable way to implement its program so that the public health and safety issues are fully addressed.