



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

February 5, 2024

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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. Petition of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. for Approval of its Lead Service Line Replacement Program / Docket No. P-2023-3044459

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing please find the Prehearing Memorandum, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”), in the above-captioned proceeding.

Copies will be served on all known parties in this proceeding, as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Steven C. Gray

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Attorney ID No. 77538

Enclosures

cc: Brian Kalcic
Parties of Record

**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 :

**PREHEARING MEMORANDUM
OF THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) is authorized to represent the interests of small business customers of utility services before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to the provisions of the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 – 399.50 (“the Act”). In order to discharge this statutory duty, the Small Business Advocate deems it necessary to participate as a party to these proceedings. Representing the OSBA in the above-referenced matter is Assistant Small Business Advocate Steven C. Gray. Please address all correspondence in that matter as follows:

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II. FILING BACKGROUND

On November 27, 2023, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Aqua” or the “Company”) filed a Petition for a Lead Service Line Replacement (“LSLR”) Program (“Petition”) with the Commission.

The Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) filed a Notice of Appearance on December 15, 2023.

III. IDENTIFICATION OF WITNESS AND TENTATIVE ISSUES

Assisting in the development and presentation of the OSBA’s case in this proceeding will be:

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The OSBA will participate in this proceeding to assure that the interests of Aqua’s small business customers are adequately represented and protected.

At the time of this writing, the OSBA is still reviewing the materials submitted by the Company. Nevertheless, the OSBA has identified the following list of issues that it will evaluate in this proceeding:

1. Whether Aqua’s proposed annual caps on the number of service lines replaced and the annual investment in lead service line replacements are reasonable.
2. Whether Aqua’s approach for prioritizing LSLR projects is reasonable and appropriate.

The OSBA reserves the right to pursue additional issues that may arise throughout this proceeding.

IV. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

In accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 1.54(b)(3)(i), the OSBA agrees to accept electronic mail delivery of documents on the due date¹ as satisfying the in-hand requirement. The OSBA requests that email delivery of documents also be provided to its witnesses identified above.

In addition to email copies of pleadings, briefs, and exceptions, the OSBA requests email copies of responses to discovery propounded by the OSBA or any other party.

V. SETTLEMENT

The OSBA notes its willingness to enter into settlement discussions at the appropriate phase of this proceeding.

VI. HEARING AND BRIEFING SCHEDULE

At the time of this writing, the parties are working to develop a procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ In accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 1.56(a)(5), documents must be received by 4:30 pm.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been served via email (*unless otherwise noted below*) upon the following persons, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant)

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