



April 12, 2024

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

RE: VEOLIA Water Pennsylvania, Inc. -Annual Charitable Contribution Report - Docket A-2021-3026515,
A-2021-3026522, A-2021 - 3026523

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please find enclosed the annual charitable contribution report for Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc. in reference to the referenced dockets above.

Veolia looks forward to keeping the Commission informed on our charitable giving and the impacts on the communities we serve in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Finnicum", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Larry Finnicum, Vice President and General Manager

CC:

Mr. Patrick Cicerio, Office of Consumer Advocate

Ms. NazAhara Sabree, Office of Small Business Advocate

Mr. John Sweet, Coalition for Affordable Utilities Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania

Commitment to the Community

Veolia PA



Community Giving Update

Veolia is proud to report in 2023, \$91,000 was distributed across Veolia's major service areas: Harrisburg, Mechanicsburg & Bloomsburg. Engagement with the community and our customers as well as supporting local non-profit organizations is at the forefront of Veolia's mission in Pennsylvania.

2023 Support:

> **Salvation Army Harrisburg: \$35,000**

The growth of our partnership with the Salvation Army, from \$10,000 to a \$35,000 contribution, was focused on accessibility to water and ensuring those in need have access to fresh produce. On Salvation Army's campus, they have over 40 raised garden beds along with small greenhouses. They grow thousands of pounds of produce each year for their clients. The beds were being watered multiple times a day by a single person. With our contribution, the Salvation Army purchased 3 - 1,000 gallon rain barrels, a water irrigation system and an automated sprinkler system. This project now helps with long term operational savings for the Salvation Army. It ensures the success of their Nutrition Pantry, reducing food insecurity issues as well as supports their educational programs focused on healthy food choices. The Salvation Army is a great partner that helps Veolia promote the *Veolia Cares* program that assists customers who have fallen on hard times and need help paying their water bills.

> **Manada Conservancy: \$20,000**

Veolia decided to increase its contribution to Manada in 2023 after better understanding the impact they have on the Swatara Creek. The Swatara Creek serves as the source water for Veolia's Hummelstown Plant. This contribution focused on the work of the Stewardship Team who work to create healthy creekside buffers to absorb pollutants, create wildlife habitats and greatly reduce flooding, all of which benefit Veolia's Operation. Manada's Stewardship Team has been working diligently to create a greenway along approximately 15 miles of the Swatara and Manada Creeks. These efforts mirror Veolia's purpose to contribute to human progress by committing to sustainable development goals and resourcing the world through environmental partnerships.

> **Central Pennsylvania Food Bank: \$15,000**

As an organization focused on providing vital resources to the well-being of the community, the Food Bank provides support across the same territory Veolia supplies water. Veolia is grateful for the resources CPFEB provides to our customers and is proud to support their efforts. In 2022 & 2023, CPFEB saw a dramatic increase in the number of clients being served due to nationwide inflation. Therefore, the Central PA Food Bank is expanding to cover more territory across the state. Veolia believes in helping to sustain that growth to help to continue to provide a life sustaining resource to the community.

- > **Bloomsburg University Foundation: \$10,000**
The BU Foundation is a 501c3 that supports the University's STEM Magnet Program and Summer STEM Camps. Veolia believes in preparing students for the future and encouraging careers and experiences in STEM. This partnership allows Veolia to promote different types of jobs in the STEM field while encouraging young people to engage in new, unique opportunities.
- > **Columbia County Conservation District: \$7,000**
The Columbia County Conservation District promotes agricultural programs, watershed awareness, erosion control and works with people of all ages to convey conservation concepts. In 2023, CCCD took on a major streambank restoration and stabilization project in Fishing Creek. Fishing Creek is the source water for Veolia's Bloomsburg Operation. CCCD wanted to restore a large section of the streambank and with Veolia's contribution, they were able to almost double the size of the project. Veolia wants to protect the Creek and help in any way possible to ensure the sustainability of Bloomsburg's source water. CCCD also puts on a Water Education Day event in the Fall each year and Veolia was proud to participate in the event; educating over 300 8th graders from across 3 counties on water conservation, clean drinking water and a variety of other topics.
- > **AGAPE: \$2,500**
AGAPE is a staple in the Bloomsburg community; assisting with food, clothes, appliances, and basic needs of the residents. AGAPE helps assist its clients in becoming self-sufficient through education and training.
- > **Linglestown Fire Company: \$1,500**
LFC is a 100% volunteer fire company serving the largest municipality in Veolia's service territory (approximately 52,000 people) in Lower Paxton Township. This contribution was Veolia's way of saying thank you to LFC for all they do in the community with such limited resources and limited man-power. LFC's life saving efforts are to be commended.