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***Via Electronic Filing***

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

RE: Application of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. pursuant to Sections 1102, 1329, and 507 of the Public Utility Code for Approval of its Acquisition of the Wastewater System Assets of Greenville Sanitary Authority  
Docket No. A-2023-3041695

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Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

We are counsel for Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. (“Aqua” or “Company”) in the above-referenced Application proceeding and are in receipt of your letter dated May 2, 2024, conditionally accepting the Application for filing (“Conditional Acceptance Letter”).

In compliance with the Conditional Acceptance Letter and the Final Supplemental Implementation Order entered February 28, 2019, at Docket No. M-2016-2543193, please be advised that Aqua has begun providing individualized notice of the proposed acquisition to its wastewater customers. Aqua is providing the Notice with its wastewater bills during a billing cycle beginning May 16, 2024, and running through approximately June 16, 2024. A copy of Aqua’s Notice to Customers is enclosed with this letter.

In further compliance with the Conditional Acceptance Letter, the Greenville Sanitary Authority will concurrently provide individualized notice of the proposed acquisition to its wastewater customers.

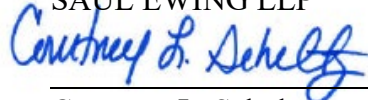
In addition to individualized notice, Aqua, as required by the Conditional Acceptance Letter, will provide newspaper publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Greenville Borough area.

Aqua will file a Verification upon completion of the required notification.

Please contact me with any questions about the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

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Encl.

cc: Per Certificate of Service (w/encl.)

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Courtney L. Schultz, Esquire, hereby certify that I am on this day, serving copies of Aqua Pennsylvania’s Notice of Proposed Acquisition and Rate Base Addition, upon the participants listed below in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant):

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Date: May 17, 2024

# **NOTICE TO AQUA CUSTOMERS**



## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION AND RATE BASE ADDITION

Docket No. A-2023-3041695

Dear Customer:

On May 2, 2024, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) conditionally accepted for filing the application of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. (Aqua) for approval to acquire the Greenville Sanitary Authority (GSA) wastewater system assets. The GSA serves approximately 2,283 customers in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Aqua's application also requests that the PUC authorize an addition of up to \$18 million to Aqua's rate base pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 1329. A utility's rate base is the value of property used by the utility to provide service to its customers and is one of several components used to establish a utility's customer rates.

Aqua periodically makes applications to the PUC for newly acquired systems which requires Aqua to send these types of notices. This notice is specific to the GSA acquisition.

Aqua is not requesting a rate increase in this acquisition proceeding. This acquisition will not immediately, but may in the future, affect water and/or wastewater bills of Aqua customers, including the new GSA wastewater customers. Your rates will not change as a result of this transaction until the conclusion of an Aqua rate case where Aqua includes the GSA system and requests and receives PUC approval to increase its rates. At that time, based on a preliminary analysis of the potential rate impacts, Aqua estimates that the rates of the average customer could increase. The amount of the increase will be determined in Aqua's next base rate case and will be dependent on how the PUC chooses to apportion the increase among Aqua's acquired and existing customers. The tables below present non-binding, estimated incremental rate effects of the proposed rate base addition on Aqua's existing water and wastewater customers:

### Aqua Wastewater Customers

Rate Class	Average Usage	Estimated Monthly Increase	Estimated Percentage Increase
Residential	4,000 gal/month	\$1.35	1.60%
Commercial/Public	8,330 gal/month	\$2.14	1.60%
Industrial	1,500 gal/month	\$0.73	1.60%

### Aqua Water Customers

Rate Class	Average Usage	Estimated Monthly Increase	Estimated Percentage Increase
Residential	4,000 gal/month	\$0.09	0.12%
Commercial/Public	33,380 gal/month	\$0.55	0.12%
Industrial	200,150 gal/month	\$2.64	0.12%

The amounts stated above could change and will depend on how the PUC chooses to apportion any increase among the types of service, rate zones, and classes of customers.

## **PUC ROLE**

The state agency which approves acquisitions and rates for regulated public utilities is the PUC. The PUC will review and investigate the proposed acquisition and requested \$18 million in additional rate base. After examining the evidence, the PUC may approve, modify or deny the acquisition and may approve or modify the \$18 million addition to rate base. The PUC will issue a decision on the application on or around December 5, 2024.

## **ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE**

You can support or challenge Aqua's request by:

- 1) Sending a letter to the PUC. You can tell the PUC why you support or object to Aqua's acquisition of GSA's wastewater system in your letter. This information can be helpful when the PUC investigates the application. Send your letter to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Post Office Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265.
- 2) Attending or presenting testimony at a PUC Public Input Hearing. You can attend or be a witness at a PUC public input hearing. The PUC holds public input hearings if it opens an investigation into Aqua's transaction and there is enough interest in the case. At these hearings, you can present your views in person to the PUC judge and to company representatives. Testimony under oath becomes part of the application case record. The PUC holds these hearings in the service area of the company. For more information, call the PUC at 1.800.692.7380.
- 3) Filing a protest or a petition to intervene. If you want to be a party to the case, you must file a protest or a petition to intervene. You then have an opportunity to take part in all the hearings about the proposed acquisition. You can receive copies of all materials distributed by the other parties. Protests and petitions to intervene must be filed in accordance with 52 Pa. Code (relating to public utilities) on or before July 22, 2024. Filings must be made with the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265, with a copy served on Aqua's counsel at Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr, LLP, Attn: Courtney L. Schultz, 1500 Market Street, Center Square West, 38<sup>th</sup> Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

The documents filed as part of this application are available for inspection and copying at the Office of the Secretary of the PUC between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, on the PUC's website at [www.puc.pa.gov](http://www.puc.pa.gov) and at Aqua's offices at 762 West Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. The PUC docket number is A-2023-3041695.