



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

August 9, 2024

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

**Re: Petition of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., as the Receiver for Venango Water Company
For Approval of the Lead Service Line Replacement Program for Venango Water
Company / Docket No. P-2024-3050248**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the Notice of Intervention, Public Statement, and Verification 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/ Rebecca Lyttle

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Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

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**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
OF THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

The Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) files this Notice of Intervention with respect to the Petition of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Aqua”), as Receiver for the Venango Water Company (“VWC”) for Approval of its Lead Service Line Replacement Program that was filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) on July 22, 2024. In support of this Notice of Intervention, the OSBA avers as follows:

1. The OSBA is an agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorized by the Small Business Advocate Act (Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50) to represent the interest of small business consumers as a party in proceedings before the Commission.

2. Representing the OSBA in this proceeding is:

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**PUBLIC STATEMENT OF
THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

The Small Business Advocate is authorized and directed to represent the interest of small business consumers of utility services in Pennsylvania under the provisions of the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50 (the “Act”). The Act further provides that the Small Business Advocate is to issue publicly a written statement stating concisely the specific interest of small business consumers to be protected by initiation of or intervention in any proceeding involving those interests before the Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) or any other agency or court. This public statement relates to the filing today by the Small Business Advocate of a Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned Commission proceeding.

On July 22, 2024, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Aqua”), as Receiver for the Venango Water Company (“VWC”), filed a Petition seeking approval of VWC’s Lead Service Line Replacement (“LSLR”) Program in accordance with Section 1311(b) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code (“Public Utility Code” or the “Code”), 66 Pa. C.S. § 1311(b), Chapter 65 of the Public Utility Commission’s (“Commission”) regulations, 52 Pa. Code §§ 65.51, et seq., and the Commission’s

Final Rulemaking Order regarding Act 120 of 2018 (“Act 120”) entered on March 14, 2022, at Docket No. L-2020-301952.

The Small Business Advocate is intervening in this proceeding to protect the interests of the small business customer of both Aqua and VWC. A thorough inquiry by the Commission into all the elements of the Petition is necessary to ascertain whether the Aqua’s request conforms to the Public Utility Code and to the Commission’s regulations.


In view of the foregoing, the Small Business Advocate is requesting that the Petition be either denied or subject to investigation and evidentiary hearings before the Commission. The Small Business Advocate will ask the Commission to deny or modify any aspect of the Aqua’s proposals that are not proven by it to be just, reasonable, non-discriminatory, and fully in accordance with the Public Utility Code and the Commission’s regulations regarding Lead Service Line Replacements.

Dated: August 9, 2024

VERIFICATION

I, NazAarah Sabree, hereby state that the facts set forth herein above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

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(Signature)

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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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