

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Petition of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. for approval : P-2023-3044459
of its Lead Service Line Replacement Program :

PREHEARING ORDER #8

On November 12, 2024, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. (Aqua), on behalf of the Parties to this proceeding and in compliance with prior Orders of the Presiding Officers, filed its ninth Status Report. In this Report, the Parties -- i.e., Aqua, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania, explain that the Parties are continuing to progress toward the full settlement of this matter and are actively developing a term sheet for settlement. Accordingly, the Parties jointly request that the settlement period in this proceeding be extended an additional thirty days, or until Wednesday, December 11, 2024, to allow the Parties to continue to develop a settlement term sheet.

Upon consideration of the ninth Status Report, and that it is the Commission's policy to encourage settlements,¹ we find good cause exists pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1.15, to grant the Parties' request.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Parties shall e-mail a status report to the Presiding Officers no later than **December 11, 2024**.

¹ See 52 Pa. Code § 5.231(a).

2. That, if this matter does not resolve, a second prehearing conference will be scheduled, at which time a formal litigation schedule will be set and the remaining procedural matters for this case will be addressed.

Date: November 13, 2024

_____/s/
Gail M. Chiodo
Administrative Law Judge

_____/s/
Alphonso Arnold III
Administrative Law Judge

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