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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
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Subject: PA American Water acquisition of East Dunkard Water Association

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

We, the Greene County Commissioners, are writing to express our enthusiastic support for Pennsylvania American Water's proposed acquisition of the East Dunkard Water Association. This acquisition is a crucial step towards ensuring the provision of safe, reliable, and high-quality water services for the residents of East Dunkard and Greene County.

Pennsylvania American Water has consistently demonstrated its commitment to excellence in water service management and infrastructure development. Their extensive experience and resources will be invaluable in addressing the current challenges faced by the East Dunkard Water Association, including the need for significant infrastructure upgrades and compliance with stringent water quality standards.

The acquisition will bring several specific benefits to Greene County:

1. **Infrastructure Improvements:** Pennsylvania American Water plans to invest over \$17 million in the East Dunkard water system, significantly enhancing the water treatment plant and overall system reliability. This investment will address aging infrastructure issues and ensure long-term sustainability.
2. **Water Quality and Reliability:** The company has already made substantial progress in improving the water quality and reliability by repairing leaks, upgrading booster stations, and implementing a flushing program to eliminate discolored water. These efforts will continue, ensuring that residents receive safe and clean water.

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3. Economic Development: Reliable water infrastructure is essential for economic growth. Improved water services will support local businesses and attract new investments to Greene County, contributing to the overall economic vitality of our region.
4. Customer Support Programs: Pennsylvania American Water offers grants and discounted services to qualifying customers through its H2O Help to Others Program. This will provide financial assistance to residents in need, ensuring that everyone has access to essential water services.

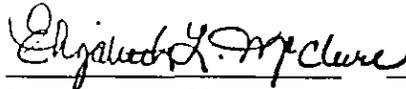
We strongly urge the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission to approve this acquisition. The benefits to our community are clear, and we are confident that Pennsylvania American Water will provide the highest standard of service to the residents of East Dunkard and Greene County. We ask that the Commission consider the application in an expedited manner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jared Edgreen, Chairman



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