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**VIA E-FILE**

Matthew Homsher, Secretary  
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Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Section 529 Investigation into the Acquisition of Wonderview Water Company, Inc. and Wonderview Sanitary Facilities, Inc.; Docket No. M-2025-3053936

**MOTION OF VEOLIA WATER PENNSYLVANIA, INC. TO STAY PROCEEDING**

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Enclosed for filing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission is the Motion of Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc. to Stay the Proceeding. A copy of this document has been served in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please direct them to me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

COZEN O'CONNOR

By: David P. Zambito

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Enclosures

cc: Administrative Law Judge John M. Coogan  
Per Certificate of Service  
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Larry Finnicum, Regional President, VWPA

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Section : Docket No. M-2025-3053936  
529 Investigation into the Acquisition of :  
Wonderview Water Company, Inc. and :  
Wonderview Sanitary Facilities, Inc. :

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025 served a true copy of the foregoing **Motion of Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc. to Stay the Proceeding** upon the parties listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

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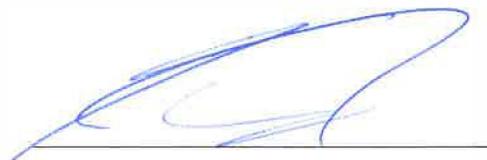
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**VERIFICATION**

I, Harry Finnicum, hereby state that the facts set forth 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).

Date: April 24, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Harry Finnicum", written over a horizontal line.

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TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE JOHN M. COOGAN:

AND NOW COMES Veolia Water Pennsylvania, Inc. (“VWPA”), pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.103, to file this Motion to Stay the Proceeding (“Motion to Stay”). The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) has appointed VWPA to serve as receiver for Wonderview Water Company, Inc. and Wonderview Sanitary Facilities, Inc. (together, “Wonderview”), pending the outcome of an investigation into whether to order a capable public utility to acquire Wonderview pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 529. By this Motion to Stay, VWPA seeks to stay the Section 529 Investigation for a limited time (120 days) to give VWPA and Wonderview an opportunity to consider and negotiate a voluntary transfer of Wonderview’s water and wastewater systems (the “Systems”) and to prepare a joint application seeking all Commission approvals necessary for that transaction. If VWPA and Wonderview can reach an agreement for a voluntary transfer of the Systems, the Section 529 Investigation would be unnecessary and could be closed.

In support whereof, VWPA states as follows:

## **I. Background**

1. By *Ex Parte* Emergency Order entered on March 14, 2025, the Commission directed the initiation of a proceeding pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 529 to investigate whether the Commission should order a capable public utility to acquire Wonderview. In addition, pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. § 529(g), the *Ex Parte* Emergency Order appointed VWPA as receiver of Wonderview effective March 21, 2025, to manage and operate the Systems during the pendency of the Section 529 proceeding.

2. On March 27, 2025, the full Commission entered a Ratification Order ratifying the March 14, 2025 *Ex Parte* Emergency Order.

3. On April 16, 2025, the Commission notified the parties that a Prehearing Conference had been scheduled before Administrative Law Judge John M. Coogan (the “ALJ”) for 10:00 a.m. on May 7, 2025.

4. On April 17, 2025, the undersigned counsel filed a Notice of Appearance on behalf of VWPA in this matter.

5. Also on April 17, 2025, Carrie Wright, Esq. filed her Notice of Appearance on behalf of the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (“I&E”).

6. On April 22, 2025, Amanda K. Chaplin, Esq. and Geoffrey J. Ayers, Esq. filed their Notices of Appearance on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”).

## **II. Motion to Stay**

7. VWPA respectfully requests that the ALJ stay the Section 529 Investigation for 120 days from the date of the Order granting this Motion for Stay. This stay would give VWPA and Wonderview an opportunity to consider and negotiate an asset purchase agreement (“APA”) for a

voluntary transfer of the Systems. If VWPA and Wonderview reach an agreement, VWPA expects that they will prepare and file a joint application requesting that the Commission approve VWPA's acquisition of Wonderview and the abandonment of Wonderview's service to the public. As a result, there would be no need for the Section 529 Investigation and the existing investigation could be closed.

8. During the 120 day stay period, VWPA would provide reports via email to the ALJ every 60 days on the status of negotiations with Wonderview.

9. At the end of the 120 day stay period, VWPA and Wonderview should provide the ALJ with a status report indicating whether the stay should be extended to give them additional time to consider and negotiate a transfer and prepare the joint application. If an extension is necessary, VWPA and Wonderview should indicate how long the stay should be extended. In the alternative, VWPA and Wonderview could advise the ALJ of the need to proceed with the Section 529 Investigation at the end of the 120 day stay period.

10. No party would be harmed by the requested brief delay in the Section 529 Investigation. In fact, all parties to this proceeding would benefit if VWPA and Wonderview are able to reach an agreement and thereby eliminate the time commitment and costs associated with a Section 529 Investigation.

11. The public interest would not be harmed by the requested brief delay in the Section 529 Investigation. In fact, the requested stay is in the public interest because administrative resources would be preserved if VWPA and Wonderview are able to reach an agreement for a voluntary transfer of the Systems, eliminating the need for a Section 529 Investigation.

12. The customers of Wonderview would not be harmed by the requested delay in the Section 529 Investigation. VWPA is currently acting as receiver for Wonderview. Consequently,

a stay of the instant proceeding will not jeopardize water and wastewater service for Wonderview's existing customers.

13. VWPA has consulted the following parties listed on the certificate of service for the Prehearing Conference Notice and represents that they do not oppose this request for stay: Wonderview, the Office of Consumer Advocate; the Office of Small Business Advocate; I&E; DEP; Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.; and Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc.

### **III. Conclusion**

Wherefore, for all the reasons set forth above, VWPA respectfully requests that the ALJ:

(1) GRANT the Motion to Stay the Proceeding; and

(2) Stay the Section 529 Investigation for 120 days from the date of the Order granting the stay, with VWPA to provide a report via email to the ALJ every 60 days on the status of negotiations. At the end of the 120-day period, VWPA and Wonderview shall file a status report indicating whether the stay should be extended and, if so, for how long or, in the alternative advising the ALJ that the Section 529 Investigation should proceed.

Respectfully submitted,



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