

**BEFORE
THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Venango Water Company – Ex Parte	:	
Emergency Order Naming Aqua	:	M-2023-3042180
Pennsylvania, Inc. as Receiver	:	
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Section 529 Investigation of Venango	:	I-2023-3042312
Water Company	:	
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Section 529 Investigation of Sugarcreek Water	:	P-2024-3045205
Company, West Hickory Water Company,	:	
Plumer Water Company, Fryburg Water	:	
Company, Cooperstown Water Company and	:	
Blaine E. Rhodes Sewer Company	:	

**INTERIM ORDER
GRANTING STIPULATION FOR ADMISSION
OF EVIDENCE INTO THE RECORD**

Telephonic evidentiary hearings were scheduled to be held on August 5-6, 2025, in this consolidated proceeding. On August 1, 2025, counsel for Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. and Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. (collectively referred to as Aqua), Courtney L. Schultz, Esquire, e-mailed the undersigned, copying the other parties to this proceeding, advising that Aqua and the Estate of Blaine E. Rhodes/Randall and Kevin Rhodes had agreed to a purchase price for transfer of the seven utilities included in this consolidated proceeding. The Counsel further advised that the necessary documents for the sales transaction are being prepared and a joint petition for settlement is also being prepared.

According to counsel for Aqua, in light of the settlement in principle, all parties consented and requested that the procedural schedule for this matter be suspended including the August 5-6, 2025, evidentiary hearings.

On August 4, 2025, a Stipulation for Admission of Evidence was filed wherein counsel for the represented parties in this proceeding stipulated to the authenticity and admission into the record of the following evidence:

1. The following Status Reports (inclusive of all exhibits thereto), which were filed by Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. and/or Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (the Commission) and served on the parties on the dates listed below: 1.

- a. Initial Status Report for Venango Water Company (Venango), dated October 11, 2023.
- b. Second Status Report for Venango, dated January 9, 2024.
- c. Third Status Report for Venango, dated April 8, 2024.
- d. Fourth Status Report for Venango, dated July 8, 2024.
- e. Fifth Status Report for Venango, dated October 7, 2024.
- f. First Combined Status Report for Venango, Sugarcreek Water Company, West Hickory Water Company, Plumer Water Company, Fryburg Water Company, Cooperstown Water Company, and the Blaine E. Rhodes Sewer Company (the “Rhodes Utilities”), dated December 30, 2024.
- g. Second Combined Status Report for the Rhodes Utilities, dated March 31, 2025; and
- h. Third Combined Status Report for the Rhodes Utilities, dated June 30, 2025.

2. The following verified Direct Testimony of the parties:

- a. Aqua Statement No. 1, Direct Testimony of William C. Packer, Jr. (Inclusive of Exhibit WCP-1).
- b. Aqua Statement No. 2, Direct Testimony of Stephan Clark (inclusive of Exhibits SC-1 through 3).
- c. I&E Statement No. 1, Direct Testimony of Ethan H. Cline (inclusive of Exhibit I&E-1).
- d. I&E Statement No. 2, Direct Testimony of Christopher Keller (inclusive of

Exhibit I&E-2); and

e. OCA Statement No. 1, Direct Testimony of Morgan DeAngelo (inclusive of Exhibit MND-1).

3. October 15, 2024, Stipulation of Facts.

On August 4, 2025, a Cancellation Notice was served cancelling the hearing scheduled for August 5-6, 2025.

The Stipulation for Admission of Evidence will be granted, and the above-listed evidence shall be part of the record in this proceeding.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED

1. That the Stipulation for Admission of Evidence executed by Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., the Commission's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, the Estate of Blaine E. Rhodes, Randall and Kevin Rhodes, and the Pennsylvania-American Water Company, filed on August 4, 2025, is granted.

2. That the above-listed evidence set forth in the Stipulation for Admission of Evidence filed on August 4, 2025, is admitted.

3. That Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. and Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. shall file their admitted testimonies and exhibits, the Status Reports and the October 15, 2024 Stipulation of Facts with the Commission's Secretary and include in the filing a cover letter referencing the caption and Docket Numbers of this consolidated proceeding, the specific evidence included in the filing, and language specifying that the evidence included in the filing is "admitted evidence" pursuant to the attached Interim Order Granting Stipulation for Admission

of Evidence into the Record within 15 days of the date of this Interim Order. A copy of this Interim Order shall be included with the filing of admitted evidence.

4. That the Commission’s Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement and the Office of Consumer Advocate shall file their admitted testimonies and exhibits with the Commission’s Secretary and include in each filing a cover letter referencing the caption and Docket Numbers of this consolidated proceeding, the specific evidence included in the filing, and language specifying that the evidence included in the filing is “admitted evidence” pursuant to the attached Interim Order Granting Stipulation for Admission of Evidence into the Record within 15 days of the date of this Interim Order. A copy of this Interim Order shall be included with the filing of admitted evidence.

Date: August 13, 2025

/s/
Mark Hoyer,
Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge

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