

**PENNSYLVANIA  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265**

Public Meeting held January 15, 2026

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman  
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair, Statement  
Kathryn L. Zerfuss, Statement  
John F. Coleman, Jr.  
Ralph V. Yanora

Application of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., :  
pursuant to Sections 1102 and 1329 of the :  
Public Utility Code for: (1) Approval of its : A-2024-3049015  
Acquisition of the Water System Assets of the :  
Greenville Municipal Water Authority :  
Situated within the Borough of Greenville, :  
Hempfield Township, Sugar Grove Township and :  
West Salem Township, Mercer County, :  
Pennsylvania; (2) Approval of the Right to Begin :  
To Offer, Render, Furnish and Supply Water :  
Service to the Public in the Borough of Greenville, :  
Hempfield Township, Sugar Grove Township and :  
West Salem Township, Mercer County, :  
Pennsylvania; and (3) an Order Approving the :  
Acquisition that Includes the Ratemaking Rate :  
Base of the Water System Assets pursuant to :  
Section 1329(c)(2) of the Public Utility Code. :

Request for Approval of Contracts, including :  
Assignments of Contracts, between Aqua :  
Pennsylvania, Inc., and the Municipal Authority of :  
The Borough of Greenville, pursuant to Section 507 :  
Of the Public Utility Code :

## ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

We adopt as our action the Recommended Decision of Administrative Law Judge Katrina L. Dunderdale dated December 3, 2025;

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Joint Petition for Approval of Unanimous Settlement, submitted by Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., the Greenville Municipal Water Authority, the Borough of Greenville, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate, filed on November 4, 2025, at Docket No. A-2024-3049015, including all terms and conditions, be approved without modification.

2. That the Amended Application filed by Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. pursuant to Sections 507, 1102, 1103, and 1329 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code for Approval of its Acquisition of the water system assets of the Greenville Municipal Water Authority, Mercer County, filed on June 16, 2025, at Docket No. A-2024-3049015, should be approved, , subject to the modifications set forth in the Joint Petition for Approval of Unanimous Settlement.

3. That Certificates of Public Convenience be issued pursuant to Section 1102(a) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 1102(a), evidencing Commission approval of the acquisition of the water system assets of the Greenville Municipal Water Authority, and the right of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. to begin to offer, render, furnish and supply water

service to the public in portions of the Borough of Greenville, Mercer County, and the Townships of Hempfield, and Sugar Grove and West Salem, Mercer County, Pennsylvania.

4. That the Commission, pursuant to 66 Pa.C.S. § 507, approve the Asset Purchase Agreement between Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. and the Greenville Municipal Water Authority and issue any other approvals or certificates appropriate, customary, or necessary under the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code to carry out the transactions contemplated in the Amended Application in a lawful manner, including certificates of filing for the following agreements:

A. The Asset Purchase Agreement between the Greenville Municipal Water Authority and Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. dated September 26, 2023;

B. The Agreement between Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Company and the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Greenville, dated June 4, 1952;

C. The Easement Agreement between Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Company and the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Greenville, dated October 15, 1985; and

D. The Agreement between the Erie Railroad Company and the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Greenville, dated 1944.

5. That Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. be permitted to file with the Commission at this docket a compliance tariff supplement, consistent with this Recommendation and the Joint Petition for Approval of Unanimous Settlement, including all rates, rules and regulations regarding conditions of the water service to be provided by Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., as revised by the Joint Petition for Approval of Unanimous Settlement submitted by Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., the Greenville Municipal Water Authority, the Borough of Greenville, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the

Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate, filed at this docket and to become effective immediately upon closing and on one day's notice.

6. That if Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., and the Greenville Municipal Water Authority decide to close on the Transaction in accordance with their respective contractual rights and obligations under the Asset Purchase Agreement, the closing of the Transaction will not take place sooner than the date of the existence of a final, unappealable order of the Commission approving the Amended Application.

7. That within ten (10) days after closing of the acquisition, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. shall file notice of closing of the transaction with the Commission at this docket.

8. That the Commission direct Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., within ten (10) days following closing, to communicate to customers of the former Greenville Municipal Water Authority, through a welcome letter, regarding its low income programs, customer payment options, and other customer service information, including a description of the available low income programs, eligibility requirements for participation in the programs, and Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.'s contact information, at a minimum.

9. That the Commission direct Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. to include a bill insert to Greenville Municipal Water Authority system commercial customers within three months of Closing that will inform the customers that the Office of Small Business Advocate (i) is an independent state agency that represents the interests of small business consumers in regulated utility matters before the Commission, (ii) works directly with small businesses to assist with any questions or concerns they may be experiencing with their utility services, and (iii) may be contacted by viewing their website at [www.osba.pa.gov](http://www.osba.pa.gov).

10. That the Commission direct that every six months, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. track the number of Greenville Municipal Water Authority system customers that are (i) potentially eligible to enroll in Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.'s customer assistance programs, (ii) enrolled in Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.'s customer assistance programs (3) commercial customers who had a late payment fee applied to their bill, and (4) commercial customers who were shut off due to lack of payment. Aqua will provide and present this information on a timely basis at the regularly held meetings of the Aqua Assistance Collaborative and will provide said reports to the Office of Small Business Advocate and the Office of Consumer Advocate. Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. will also present this information in its next base rate case filing in a format showing the potential eligibility and enrollment data broken down by six-month increments starting from the time of Closing through and until the time of the filing of the base rate case. Potential eligibility will be based on U.S. Census data.

11. That in the first base rate case that includes Greenville Municipal Water Authority system assets, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. will file a cost of service study that removes all costs and revenues associated with the operation of the Greenville Municipal Water Authority system.

12. That Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. will not include System-related investments in its Distribution System Improvement Charge ("DSIC") until Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. collects a DSIC from Greenville Municipal Water Authority system customers. Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. shall be permitted to collect a DSIC from Greenville Municipal Water Authority system customers upon (i) Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.'s filing of an amended water Long-Term Infrastructure Improvement Plan ("Amended LTIIIP") including the Greenville Municipal Water Authority system, which does not re-prioritize other existing commitments in other service areas, (ii) the Commission's approval of the Amended LTIIIP, as may be modified in the discretion of the Commission, and (iii) Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.'s filing of a compliance tariff supplement which incorporates the

Greenville Municipal Water Authority system and all other systems included in the Amended LTIIP into Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.'s DSIC tariff, including all customer safeguards applicable thereto, no later than the next quarterly DSIC filing after Commission approval of the Amended LTIIP. The Amended LTIIP shall be filed within 180 days of Closing.

13. That the Commission direct that Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. not be permitted to include easement land rights into its rate base until it acquires the easements.

14. That the Commission direct Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., in the first base rate case that includes the Greenville Municipal Water Authority's assets, to limit the amount it requests to add to rate base for the System to \$17,500,000.

15. That the Commission direct that any goodwill resulting from this transaction that is included on the balance sheet of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. shall be excluded from its rate base and any debt or equity issued to finance the goodwill shall be excluded from the ratemaking capital structure for ratemaking purposes. The difference between the purchase price and the allowed rate base will not be recovered in rate base nor via amortization from Aqua Pennsylvania Inc.'s existing customers or from Greenville Municipal Water Authority system customers.

16. That in the first base rate case that includes the Greenville Municipal Water Authority system assets, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. will propose a rate gradualism plan for all Greenville Municipal Water Authority system customers to pay their full cost of service over time and will propose to limit the base rate increase for the residential and commercial customers located within the Greenville Municipal Water Authority system service territory to not more than a 28% rate increase over their existing rates.

17. That Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., pursuant to its voluntary settlement commitment, contribute a total of \$50,000 to its Hardship Fund over a two-year period. This funding commitment is in addition to Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.'s funding commitments to the Hardship Fund in the 2024 base rate case settlement, at Docket No. R-2024-3047822, and in Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.'s Beaver Falls Application, at Docket No. A-2022- 3033138.

18. That the inclusion of outside legal fees, if any, in Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.'s transaction and closing costs under the Asset Purchase Agreement shall be separately identified in Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.'s next base rate case, and any claim made by Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. to recover transaction and closing costs associated with the transaction will not include costs incurred by Greenville Municipal Water Authority.

19. That the Commission issue any other approvals or certificates appropriate, customary, or necessary under the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code to carry out the transactions contemplated in the Amended Application in a lawful manner

20. That the docket at No. A-2024-3049015 be marked as satisfied and closed, consistent with the Joint Petition for Approval of Unanimous Settlement.

BY THE COMMISSION,



Matthew L. Homsher  
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: January 15, 2026

ORDER ENTERED: January 15, 2026