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Via E-Filing

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Joint Application of American Water Works Company, Inc., Essential Utilities, Inc., Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC, and Alpha Merger Sub, Inc., for a Certificate of Public Convenience under Sections 1102(a)(3) and 2210(c) of the Public Utility Code and All Other Necessary Approvals to Effect a Change of Control of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., and Peoples Natural Gas Company, LLC. Docket Nos. A-2025-3058927, 2025-3058928, A-2025-3058929.

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Enclosed, please find the Prehearing Memorandum on behalf of East Norriton Township in the above-referenced proceedings. Copies will be served on all known parties in these proceedings as indicated on the attached certificate of service.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Alex Baumler', written in black ink.

Alex J. Baumler, Esq.

CC: Parties of Record

Aqua America, Inc. effectuated a name change to Essential Utilities, Inc., following its acquisition of Peoples, which acquisition was approved by the PUC subject to the commitments and conditions contained in a non-unanimous settlement as by the PUC's Opinion and Order entered January 24, 2020, at Docket Nos. A-2018-3006061, A-2018-3006062 and A-2018-3006063.

The instant application before the PUC avers that the proposed merger will combine the industry-leading water, wastewater and natural gas utilities of the entities, which will lead to alleged enhanced scale and operational efficiencies and will spur investment in water and wastewater infrastructure in Pennsylvania.

Beginning December 15, 2025, the Parties to this Application filed notices of appearances, petitions to intervene and protests to the Application. East Norriton Township filed its Petition to Intervene in protest of the Application on December 27, 2025. A telephonic prehearing conference is scheduled in this matter for January 22, 2026, before Administrative Law Judge Long.

II. THE NAMES, ADDRESSES, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND E-MAIL ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON THE PARTIES WISH TO HAVE LISTED ON THE SERVICE LIST OR E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST:

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III. SETTLEMENT

East Norriton Township is willing to address settlement of all or part of the proceedings with the other parties.

IV. DISCOVERY SCHEDULE

East Norriton Township is in agreement with the discovery schedule proposed by the other parties.

V. LITIGATION SCHEDULE

East Norriton Township is in agreement with the litigation schedule proposed by counsel for the Pennsylvania Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement and also is agreement with the holding of virtual hearings.

VI. SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1.54(b)(3)(i), this office agrees to accept electronic mail delivery of documents on the behalf of East Norriton Township on the due date as satisfying the in-hand requirement. East Norriton Township also requests email copies of responses to discovery propounded by any other party.

VII. WITNESSES

East Norriton Township would offer the testimony of the following persons:

Robert R. Hart, Esq.
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Mr. Hart would provide testimony in support of East Norriton's position that the residents of East Norriton have suffered and will continue to suffer severe economic impact. East Norriton Township residents have already had to endure massive rate increases for wastewater service subsequent to the Township's sale of its wastewater system to Aqua PA and Aqua PA WW in 2019 and has continued to endure massive rate increases stemming from Aqua PA and Aqua PA WW's additional acquisition of wastewater systems. As East Norriton Township's residents are also customers serviced by American Water residents of the Township have also endured

unnecessary and excessive water service rate increases. Township residents have seen firsthand that continued acquisitions by the entities have not lead to increased efficiencies, economies of scale which would stabilize or lower their water or wastewater service rates. Allowing the proposed merger to be approved would further afford the applicants the ability to increase rates on its customers to unsustainable levels.

East Norriton also reserves the right to call additional witnesses, as necessary, and agrees to notify Administrative Law Judge Long and the parties promptly should the Township determine that additional witnesses will be called.

Respectfully submitted

KILKENNY LAW, LLC

Date: January 20, 2026

/s/ Alex J. Baumler

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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Joint Application of American Water Works	:	
Company, Inc., Essential Utilities, Inc.,	:	Docket Nos. A-2025-3058927
Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., Aqua Pennsylvania	:	A-2025-3058928
Wastewater, Inc., Peoples Natural Gas	:	A-2025-3058929
Company, LLC, and Alpha Merger Sub, Inc.,	:	
for a Certificate of Public Convenience under	:	
Sections 1102(a)(3) and 2210(c) of the Public	:	
Utility Code and All Other Necessary Approvals	:	
to Effect a Change of Control of Aqua	:	
Pennsylvania, Inc., Aqua Pennsylvania	:	
Wastewater, Inc., and Peoples Natural Gas	:	
Company, LLC	:	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been served by email (unless otherwise noted below) upon the following persons, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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