



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

February 19, 2026

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

Re: Application of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. Pursuant to Section 1102 of the Public Utility Code, for approval of: (1) the acquisition by Aqua of the water system assets of Ulster Municipal Authority situated within a portion of Ulster Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania; and (2) the right of Aqua to begin to offer, render, furnish and supply water service to the public in a portion of Ulster Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania / Docket No. A-2026-3060010

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Enclosed please find the Notice of Intervention, Public Statement, and Verification, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”), in the above-referenced proceeding.

Copies will be served on all known parties in this proceeding, as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rebecca Lyttle

Rebecca Lyttle
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Enclosures

cc: Jason Hails
Roger Cathcart
Parties of Record

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**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
OF THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

The Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) files this Notice of Intervention with respect to the above-captioned Application of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Application”) that was filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) on January 23, 2026. In support of this Notice of Intervention, the OSBA avers as follows:

1. The OSBA is an agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorized by the Small Business Advocate Act (Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50) to represent the interest of small business consumers as a party in proceedings before the Commission.

2. Representing the OSBA in this proceeding is:

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Respectfully submitted,

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**PUBLIC STATEMENT OF
THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

The Small Business Advocate is authorized and directed to represent the interest of small business consumers of utility services in Pennsylvania under the provisions of the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50 (the “Act”). The Act further provides that the Small Business Advocate is to issue publicly a written statement stating concisely the specific interest of small business consumers to be protected by her initiation of or intervention in any proceeding involving those interests before the Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) or any other agency or court. This public statement relates to the filing today by the Small Business Advocate of a Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned Commission proceeding.

On January 23, 2026, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Aqua” or the “Company”) filed an Application requesting that the Commission: (1) approve Aqua’s acquisition of the water system - 2 - assets (“Assets”) of Ulster Municipal Authority (“UMA”) in Ulster Township (“Ulster” or

the “Township”), Bradford County, Pennsylvania (the “System”); (2) approve the right of Aqua to begin providing water service in Ulster, (3) issue certificates of public convenience evidencing the same; and (4) provide expedited review of the Application (see Application Section XI).

The Small Business Advocate is intervening in this proceeding to protect the interests of Aqua’s small business customers. A thorough inquiry by the Commission into all the elements of the Application is necessary to ascertain whether the Company’s proposal to acquire UMA conforms to the Public Utility Code and to the Commission’s regulations.


In view of the foregoing, the Small Business Advocate is requesting that the Application be either denied or subject to investigation and evidentiary hearings before the Commission. The Small Business Advocate will ask the Commission to deny or modify any aspect of the Company’s proposals that are not proven by Aqua to be just, reasonable, non-discriminatory, and fully in accordance with the Public Utility Code and the Commission’s regulations regarding acquisitions.

Dated: February 19, 2026

VERIFICATION

I, NazAarah Sabree, hereby state that the facts set forth herein 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).

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(Signature)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been served via 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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