

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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	:	
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**INTERIM ORDER
GRANTING PENNSYLVANIA LABORERS’ DISTRICT COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN
AREA OF PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, WASHINGTON LABORERS’ DISTRICT
COUNCIL PETITION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW JOINT PETITION TO INTERVENE OUT
OF TIME**

On November 26, 2025, the 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. (Joint Applicants) filed applications (Joint Applications) to obtain the approval of the Commission under Chapters 11 and 22 of the Public Utility Code for a change of control of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. (Aqua PA) and Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC (Peoples) to be affected by the merger of Essential and Merger Sub, a wholly owned subsidiary of American Water (the Merger). The Joint Applicants also requested that the Commission approve, under Chapter 21 of Code, certain new affiliated interest agreements to facilitate the sharing of resources and best practices created by the Merger between American Water and Essential Utilities. The Joint Application included written testimony and exhibits describing the Merger and the substantial affirmative public benefits it is expected to produce in Pennsylvania.

On February 5, 2026, the Pennsylvania Laborers' District Council and the Metropolitan Area of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington Laborers' District Council filed a Joint Petition to Intervene Out of Time.

On February 13, 2026, the Pennsylvania Laborers' District Council and the Metropolitan Area of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington Laborers' District Council filed a Petition for Leave to Withdraw their Joint Petition to Intervene Out of Time. No notice to plead was included in the Petition for Leave.

On February 25, 2026, the ALJs issued a Further Telephonic Prehearing Conference Notice, setting a telephonic conference for Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

On February 26, 2026, the Further Telephonic Prehearing Conference was held by the Presiding ALJs. Representatives of all parties of record were present except Upland Borough and East Norriton Township. At the conference, the participating parties were provided the opportunity to object to the February 13, 2026, Petition for Leave to Withdraw the Joint Petition to Intervene Out of Time filed by the Pennsylvania Laborers' District Council and the Metropolitan Area of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington Laborers' District Council. No objections were made, and the presiding ALJs indicated the Petition for Leave to Withdraw the Joint Petition to Intervene Out of Time would be granted.

Under the circumstances, the following Interim Order will be entered.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Petition for Leave to Withdraw the Joint Petition to Intervene Out of Time is granted.

2. That the Commission will remove Pennsylvania Laborers' District Council and the Metropolitan Area of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington Laborers' District Council, including counsel Domenic A. Bellisario and Joel P. Trigiani, from the parties' list in this matter.

Date: March 5, 2026

_____/s/_____
Emily I. DeVoe
Administrative Law Judge

Date: March 5, 2026

_____/s/_____
Ann Quimby
Administrative Law Judge

A-2025-3058927, A-2025-3058928, & A-2025-3058929 - 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

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