

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Application of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.	:	
Pursuant to Section 1102 of the Public	:	
Utility Code for Approval of its	:	A-2026-3060010
Acquisition of the Water System Assets	:	
Of Ulster Township Municipal Authority	:	
Bradford County, Pennsylvania	:	

ORDER
TRANSFERRING UNPROTESTED APPLICATION TO THE
BUREAU OF TECHNICAL UTILITY SERVICES

Background

On January 23, 2026, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. (Aqua PA) filed an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission seeking approval (1) to acquire the water system assets of Ulster Municipal Authority, situated within a portion of Ulster Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and (2) to provide water service to the public in that portion of Ulster Township. Notice of the application was published in the February 7, 2026, edition of the Pennsylvania Bulletin, 56 Pa. B. 874. The notice established a deadline for filing protests and petitions to intervene of February 23, 2026.

On February 19, 2026, the Pennsylvania Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA) filed a Notice of Intervention. In its notice, OSBA requested that an evidentiary hearing be scheduled. No Protests or other Notices of Intervention were filed.

By agreement of the Parties, the establishment of a litigation schedule was postponed to allow time for the Parties to discuss a resolution of OSBA's concerns.

On March 31, 2026, the Parties filed a Joint Stipulation that fully resolves OSBA's concerns. Under the stipulation, the Parties agreed that: (1) Aqua PA will include information about OSBA in a welcome letter to Ulster Municipal Authority customers after closing, and (2) Aqua PA will not include the Ulster Municipal Authority system in a base rate case before January 1, 2027. The Parties jointly request that OSBA's intervention be deemed withdrawn and the case referred to TUS for further review.

Disposition

Here, OSBA, the lone party to file either a protest or a notice of intervention in this proceeding, has stated in the Joint Stipulation that its concerns with Aqua PA's application have been fully addressed and requests that its intervention be deemed withdrawn. Under these circumstances, treating Aqua PA's application as unopposed is appropriate and will dispense with the need for hearings and briefs, saving the Commission, Aqua PA and OSBA significant costs in time and money. The matter will therefore be reassigned to TUS.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's Secretary's Bureau reassign the Application of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., pursuant to Section 1102 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, for approval of its acquisition of the water system assets of Ulster Municipal Authority, Bradford County, Pennsylvania from the Pennsylvania Public Utility

Commission's Office of Administrative Law Judge to the Pennsylvania Public Utility
Commission's Bureau of Technical Utility Services for any further action.

Date: April 2, 2026

Steve Haas
Administrative Law Judge

A-2026-3060010 - 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.

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