



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
COMMONWEALTH KEYSTONE BUILDING  
400 NORTH STREET  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

May 29, 2026

**TO: ALL PARTIES OF RECORD**

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, A-2025-3058928, A-2025-3058929*


Dear Parties:

On November 26, 2025, applicants in the above-referenced matter filed a joint application for a certificate of public convenience and all necessary approvals associated therewith to effect a change of control of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., and Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC. A decision has not yet been entered in this matter and therefore this matter is still currently pending before the Commission.

On May 27, 2026, the Commission received a letter from State Senator Judith L. Schwank. Senator Schwank's letter was addressed to Commission Chairman, Stephen DeFrank. Senator Schwank's letter contains statements and additional averments regarding the issues being litigated in the above-referenced case.

Because the subject matter of Senator Schwank's letter concerns the merits of a contested matter still pending before the Commission for final consideration, Senator Schwank's letter constitutes an *ex parte* communication prohibited by Section 334(c) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 334(c). Accordingly, please be advised that, in order to cure the *ex parte* communication, I am placing Senator Schwank's Letter on the docket and serving a copy of this Secretarial Letter and Senator Schwank's letter on all the Parties of Record to this case.

Sincerely,

  
Matthew L. Homsher  
Secretary

cc: Office of Administrative Law Judge  
Office of Legislative Affairs