

**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17120**

Public Meeting July 16, 2026

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair
Kathryn L. Zerfuss
John F. Coleman, Jr.
Ralph V. Yanora

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

A-2025-3058927
A-2025-3058928
A-2025-3058929

OPINION AND ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) for consideration and disposition are two Petitions for Reconsideration, filed by Luis Francisco, the first Petition was filed on June 25, 2026, and the second Petition was filed on July 2, 2026 (Petitions), seeking reconsideration of the Commission's Opinion and Order entered on June 18, 2026, relative to the above-captioned proceeding.

Pursuant to Rule 1701 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure (R.A.P), Pa. R.A.P. 1701, the Commission must act to grant a petition for reconsideration within thirty days of the date of entry of the order for which reconsideration is sought or otherwise lose jurisdiction to do so if a petition for review is timely filed. Therefore, the Commission must act upon the Petition by no later than July 20, 2026,¹ in order to preserve jurisdiction.

Granting reconsideration pending review of, and consideration on, the merits of the Petitions in order to preserve Commission jurisdiction and toll the thirty-day time period for filing a petition for appellate review does not automatically stay the Commission's underlying Opinion and Order.² Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.572, a petition seeking a stay or supersedeas must be filed with the Commission within fifteen (15) days after the underlying Opinion and Order becomes final.³

Accordingly, we shall grant reconsideration, within the meaning of Pa. R.A.P. 1701(b)(3), pending review of, and consideration on, the merits of the Petitions; **THEREFORE**,

¹ The thirty-day period ends on July 18, 2026, which is a Saturday. Therefore, the next business day, Monday, July 20, 2026, is the deadline for the Commission to act on the Petition.

² 52 Pa. Code § 5.572; Pa. R.A.P. 1701.

³ *See also* Pa. R.A.P. 1781.

IT IS ORDERED: That the Petitions for Reconsideration, filed by the Luis Francisco on June 25, 2026 and July 2, 2026, are hereby granted, pending further review of, and consideration on, the merits.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matthew L. Homsher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matthew L. Homsher
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: July 16, 2026

ORDER ENTERED: July 16, 2026