

**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	:	A-2025-3058927
Natural Gas Company LLC and Alpha	:	A-2025-3058928
Merger Sub, Inc. for a Certificate of	:	A-2025-3058929
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	:	

**INTERIM ORDER
SETTING REQUIREMENTS FOR BRIEFS**

Note: Please refer to the Commission's docket for a complete list of all filings, parties, and events.

An evidentiary hearing was held in the above-captioned matter on August 4, 2026. The following parties were present and represented by counsel: American Water Works Company, Inc., Alpha Merger Sub, Inc., Essential Utilities, Inc., Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., Peoples Natural Gas, LLC. (collectively, Joint Applicants); the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement; the Office of Consumer Advocate; the Office of Small Business Advocate; the Coalition for Affordable Utility Service and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania; and the City of Butler, City of Delaware, Whiteland Township, Manchester Township, Spring Garden Township, West Manchester Township, and York Township (collectively, the Municipalities). The following parties were not present: East Norriton Township, the Chester Water Authority, Upland Borough, Township of Lower Makefield, and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 542.

At the end of the hearing, we gave instructions regarding briefs and directed the parties to prepare a common brief outline and common abbreviations and provide them to us by August 7, 2026.

On August 7, 2026, counsel for the Joint Applicants provided a common brief outline and list of common abbreviations to us by email, with counsel for all parties copied.

In response to the August 7, 2026, email, we provided additional instructions regarding briefs.

This Interim Order memorializes all instructions and requirements for briefs given at the hearing and by email.

Main briefs are due September 3, 2026; reply briefs are due September 24, 2026.

Parties should reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Any briefs filed in this matter must conform to the Common Brief Outline and Common Abbreviations List attached to this Order.
2. Additional subheadings are permitted, as deemed necessary by the parties.
3. Briefs that fail to conform to the Common Brief Outline or the Common Abbreviations List will not be considered in the preparation of the Recommended Decision.
4. Parties do not need to discuss all headings or subheadings in the Common Brief Outline.

5. Briefs must be written in Times New Roman, size 13 point font, in both the body and in footnotes.

6. Briefs must contain citations to the record; citations must be in footnotes and not embedded in the body of the brief.

7. Main briefs must be no longer than 100 pages in length.

8. Reply briefs must be no longer than 50 pages in length.

9. Main briefs must contain proposed findings of fact and proposed conclusions of law, either as part of the brief or as attachments to the brief. Attachments to the brief do not count towards the page limit.

Date: August 24, 2026

_____/s/
Emily I. DeVoe
Administrative Law Judge

Date: August 24, 2026

_____/s/
Ann Quimby
Administrative Law Judge

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**Joint Application of American Water Works Company, Inc., et al.
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MASTER LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Meaning
AAC	Aqua Assistance Collaborative
Act 12	Act 12 of 2016
ADIT	Accumulated Deferred Income Tax
AFP	Arrearage Forgiveness Program
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
American Water or AWK or AWWC	American Water Works Company, Inc.
AMP	Arrearage Management Program
Aqua or Aqua PA	Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.
Aqua PA WW	Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc.
ASC 805	Accounting Standards Codification Topic 805
ASC 820	Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820
AWCC	American Water Capital Corp.
AWR	American Water Resources
BCS	Bureau of Consumer Services
BDP	Bill Discount Program
bps	Basis points
BOD	Board of Directors
CCAs	Customer Care Agents
CAGR	Compound Annual Growth Rate
CAP	Customer Assistance Program
CARES	Customer Assistance Referral and Evaluation Services
CAUSE-PA	Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CEOP	Consumer Education and Outreach Plan
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
CLI	Confirmed Low Income

Abbreviation	Meaning
Code	Pennsylvania Public Utility Code
Commission or PUC	Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
COO	Chief Operating Officer
COSS	Cost of Service Studies
CSO	Customer Service Organization
DelCo	County of Delaware
DELCORA	Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority
DIMP	Distribution Integrity Management Program
DPS	Dividend Per Share
DSIC	Distribution System Improvement Charge
EADIT	Excess Accumulated Deferred Income Tax
EBITDA	Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization
EDC	Electric Distribution Company
ELI	Estimated Low Income
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPS	Earnings Per Share
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974
ERP	Emergency Furnace/House and Service Line Repair Program
Essential or EU	Essential Utilities, Inc.
Exchange Act	Securities Exchange Act of 1934
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
FCC	U.S. Federal Communications Commission
FFO	Funds From Operations
FMV	Fair Market Value
FPL	Federal Poverty Level
FSA	Financial Services Agreement
GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GIS	Geographic Information System
GT	Goodwin Tombaugh
H2O Program	H2O Help to Others Program™

Abbreviation	Meaning
HABs	Harmful Algal Blooms
HAPN	Help At Peoples Now
HSR Act	Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976
I&E	Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement
ICS	Incident Command System
IMO	Integration Management Office
IRC	Internal Revenue Code
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
IUOE	International Union of Operating Engineers
IVA	Intelligent Virtual Agent
IVR	Interactive Voice Response
JA or Joint Applicants	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.
LIHEAP	Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
LIMS	Laboratory Information Management System
LIURP	Low-Income Usage Reduction Program
LSLR	Lead Service Line Replacement
LTIIP	Long-Term Infrastructure Improvement Plan
MCF	Thousand Cubic Feet
Merger	The proposed merger of American Water and Essential
Merger Sub	Alpha Merger Sub, Inc.
MontCo	County of Montgomery
NARUC	National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
NGDC	Natural Gas Distribution Company
NYSE	New York Stock Exchange
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
OCA	Office of Consumer Advocate
OSBA	Office of Small Business Advocate
PAWC	Pennsylvania-American Water Company

Abbreviation	Meaning
PBCL	Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law
Peoples or PNG	Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC
PETL	Pennsylvania Entity Transaction Law
PFAS	Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
PIP	Percent of Income Payment Plan
QA	Quality Assurance
R&D	Research and Development
ROE	Return on Equity
SAP	Systems, Applications, and Products (enterprise software)
Sarbanes-Oxley Act	Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
SEC	U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
Section 1329	Section 1329 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code
Securities Act	Securities Act of 1933
Service Company or AWWSC	American Water Works Service Company, Inc.
S&P	Standard & Poor's
TCJA	Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017
UCARE	Utility Consumer Activities Report and Evaluation
UFG	Unaccounted for gas
USAG	Universal Service Advisory Group
USECP	Universal Service and Energy Conservation Plan
USP	Universal Service Program
WNA	Weather Normalization Adjustment

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