

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120**

**Pennsylvania Public Utility
Commission v. Aqua
Pennsylvania, Inc.**

**Public Meeting February 5, 2009
2079310-FUS
Docket No. R-2008-2079310**

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER ROBERT F. POWELSON**

Before the Commission for consideration and disposition is the suspension, until September 6, 2009, of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.'s (Aqua) request to increase its Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC) cap. This request comes at a time when both our nation and the Commonwealth face important challenges in the funding of necessary infrastructure in the face of unprecedented and uncertain credit markets. These markets value certainty more than ever and a prompt resolution of this case will provide additional time to secure and adjust financing plans as required by the outcome.

While I support the DSIC mechanism generally for a number of reasons, I look forward to reviewing the arguments of all the parties regarding Aqua's proposal to increase the cap. Because of the need for certainty and because Aqua's request to increase their DSIC cap is the sole issue to be adjudicated, I urge a prompt resolution of this case.

DATE: February 5, 2009

**ROBERT F. POWELSON
COMMISSIONER**