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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
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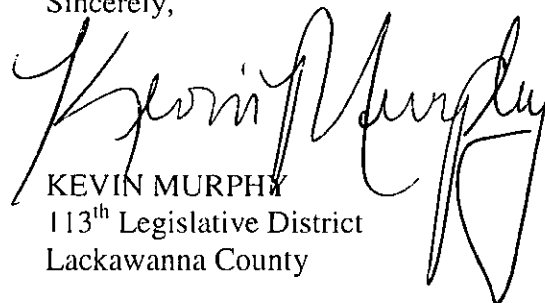
Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

I am writing regarding Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.'s rate increase request that was submitted November 18, 2011. The docket number is R-2011-2267958.

I understand Aqua Pennsylvania has proposed an increase in its base water rates, which will result in customers' bills increasing 9.6 percent. The proposed increase is primarily to pay for infrastructure improvements and is over and above the Distribution Service Improvement Charge the company is already charging customers for infrastructure improvements since its last base rate increase in 2009. This is a significant increase that will directly affect many residents in my legislative district at a time when they can least afford it. Many are still hurting from job losses and wage freezes, and senior citizens on fixed incomes will be particularly hard-hit. Yet the price for everything continues to rise. How much more can people afford?

I ask you to use your authority under Pennsylvania law to thoroughly review the need for the requested increase and to conduct full and fair public hearings where the public can provide comments. I further ask that you keep in mind the many customers who will ultimately feel the impact of this rate decision. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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