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Robert Curtius 949 Foss Ave. Drexel Hill, PA 19026 April 16, 2012

Secretary Chiavetta Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

Subject: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission V Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. Docket NO R-201102267958. R-2011-2267958 Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

Enclosed are copies of Certificates of Service to the Parties for Robert Curtius's "objection" to settlement by some of the parties. I have attached a copy of the Objection document.

As Evidenced by the attached Certificates of Service, copies are being served on all active parties of record.

Sincerely,

Robert to

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Honorable Angela T. Jones Honorable Darlene D Heep Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Office of Administrative Judge 801 Market Street, Suite 4063 Philadelphia, PA 19107

Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. Docket No. R2011-2267958

Subject: Objection

Dear Judge Jones and Judge Heep:

I am objecting to the "Settlement in Principle" arrived at by some of the parties in the above-mentioned litigation. At the time of this writing, it has not yet been presented; therefore I am not objecting to it's content.

Summary: The settlement reached on or about April 10, 2012 was the result of negotiations by some of the parties. I, Robert Curtius, was not afforded the opportunity to participate in these negotiations. The parties who held common positions were successful in reaching an agreement and those such as myself were effectively shut out of negotiations. For this reason alone, the settlement should be rejected.

Argument: PUC 052 Code 1.54 (Service to a party) requires that documents filed in proceedings be served upon all of the parties. While it can be argued that the documents used in negotiations are not filed with the court, it was not contemplated that some parties would align with others with similar positions to reach a separate settlement without participation of all parties.

In this case, this agreement was arrived at through e-mail. As you know, Commission rules allow electronic mail, but do not require the parties to participate in its use. I "elected" not to use e-mail since I do not own the most advanced equipment that is found in the business world. I also lack the skill level to be effective in this medium. All of the parties knew of these limitations and provided paper copies by either U.S. Mail or express mail of all legal documents and testimony. Aqua documents often reached my house the day they were issued.

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When it came to negotiations, no paper copies were provided. In reaching this agreement, I was, in effect, cut out of the loop. Since I did not participate in the negotiations of this agreement, the court should not accept it. I do not expect to get everything I want; however, I did <u>not even get a seat at the table</u>.

As a customer, I am appalled that such a strategy was employed. I do not believe that the PUC had envisioned that a party would be cut out of a formal settlement because they did not approve the use of e-mail. Request you not accept this agreement of some of the parties and require all parties participate in the process. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the only other active customer/non e-mail/party, Mr. Linden, was also denied access to negotiations. Therefore, I object to any consideration of this settlement that is between some of the parties.

As evidenced by the attached Certificate of Service, copies of this document are being served on all parties of record.

Sincerely, Robert hut

**Robert Curtius** 

Enclosure: Certificate of Service

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that copies of the enclosed objection of Robert Curtius dated April 16, 2012 and is being served, a true copy of these documents, upon the active parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code 1.54 (relating to service by a participant) in a manner and upon the persons listed below.

Dated this April 16, 2012.

Service by First Class Mail.

The Hon A. Jones & Hon D. Heep Administrative Judges PA Public Utility Commission 801 Market Street Phila, PA 19107

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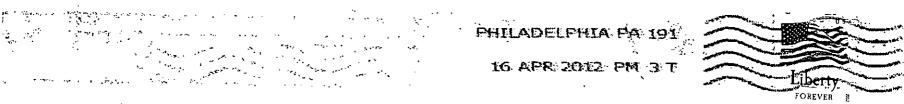
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