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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 2nd Floor North Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Application of Pennsylvania-American Water Company-Wastewater under Section 1329 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 1329, for approval of the use for ratemaking purposes of the lesser of the fair market value or the negotiated purchase price of The Municipal Authority of the City of McKeesport's assets related to its wastewater collection and treatment system and other related transactions; Docket No. A-2017-2606103

# STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES REGARDING OBJECTIONS AND PRESERVATION OF ISSUES

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing is the fully-executed Stipulation of the Parties Regarding Objections and Preservation of Issues ("Stipulation") in the above-referenced proceeding.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please direct them to me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

COZEN O'CONNOR P. Noce

By: Jonathan P. Nase Counsel for *Pennsylvania-American Water Company* 

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cc: Honorable Mark A. Hoyer Per Certificate of Service

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Docket No. A-2017-2606103

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing Stipulation of the Parties Regarding Objections and Preservation of Issues, upon the parties, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a party).

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## BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Administrative Law Judge Mark A. Hoyer

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Pennsylvania-American Water Company ("PAWC"), the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement ("I&E") of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") and the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA") (collectively, the "Parties") in the abovecaptioned matter stipulate as follows:

1. On May 24, 2017, PAWC filed an application in the above matter under Section 1102(a) of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code ("Code"), 66 Pa. C.S. § 1102(a), and Section 1329 of the Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 1329, requesting (among other things) issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience to PAWC for the transfer to PAWC, by sale, of substantially all of The Municipal Authority of the City of McKeesport's ("MACM") assets, properties, and rights related to MACM's wastewater collection and treatment system (the "System") and to set the fair market

value of the acquisition for rate-base ratemaking purposes (the "Application"). The Application was accepted for filing by the Commission on June 14, 2017.

2. The Parties anticipate the exchange of discovery during the Application proceedings, including without limitation data or discovery requests from I&E, OCA, and/or OSBA (and any other parties that may become part of the proceedings) for information regarding the appraised fair market value for rate-base ratemaking purposes of the System and related information.

3. The Parties have competing views regarding the proper scope of Section 1329 proceedings, including the proper scope of discovery and the Commission's scope and standard of review, as expressed in their respective briefs filed in the matter of *Application of Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 1102 and 1329 of the Public Utility Code for Approval of its Acquisition of the Wastewater System Assets of New Garden Township*, Docket No. A-2016-2580061 (the "*Aqua Application Proceeding*"). The Commission has not yet entered its Order in that proceeding and, even after the entry of a Commission order, there is a likelihood that certain issues may be appealed by parties to that proceeding.

4. In an effort to streamline the instant proceedings and avoid situations in which the parties are compelled to lodge objections to data or discovery requests and litigate those matters in order to raise, preserve, and resolve any issues, objections, or arguments, and in recognition of the six-month application processing period set by Section 1329, the Parties hereby stipulate that the issues, objections, and arguments raised in their respective briefings in the *Aqua Application Proceeding* shall be treated as though the Parties have raised and preserved any and all such issues, objections, and arguments in this proceedings.

5. Nothing in this stipulation constitutes a waiver of any rights, objections, or issues that the Parties intend to raise and preserve or advance before the Commission or in any further appeal from an order of the Commission.

[Signature page follows.]

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Accepted and agreed to this 26th day of June, 2017.

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