## **OBJECTIONS PAGE**

Please sign this sheet if you would like to **oppose** the Joint Petition for Settlement signed by Aqua Pennsylvania Inc., Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc., the PUC's Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Small Business Advocate, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and other active parties in the case of <u>Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v. Aqua Pennsylvania. Inc.. Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater. Inc.. Docket Nos. R-2018-3003558 and R-2018-3003561. You are encouraged to provide written comments below and/or attach additional pages, setting forth any facts and explanation for your objections.</u>

By adding my signature below, I am indicating that I have read the terms of the Settlement Agreement and wish to OPPOSE the Settlement. I understand that I may file objections (below and/or by attachment to this Objections Page) to the Settlement and exceptions to a Recommended Decision and that my complaint will be resolved as part of the PUC order resolving this case.

Please Print Your Full Name: Linda A Dudjak/Douglas M Dudjak

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**Docket #**: C-2018-3005091

Please see attached comments

My interest is in the Wastewater rate increase as a resident of Honeycroft - Rate Zone 4 – is that Honeycroft received NO relief from the proposed settlement. In my opinion, this is evidence of discriminatory treatment both, in setting the Originally Proposed Rate, and in setting the Settlement Rates. In reviewing the entire wastewater rate increase picture, across all of the Wastewater Territories, it is noteworthy that the originally proposed increases range from 21% to 92% and that the proposed settlement increases range from 8% to 129%. The range of different increases for originally proposed rates is very wide and, in itself, evidences a discriminatory treatment of Aqua customers. The even wider range of increases for proposed settlement rates is shocking. How can customers be treated fairly and still be subjected to such different rate increases for the same services? (I have ignored Rate Zone 5 on the assumption that it is apparently a special case.)

Further, as a comparison of originally-proposed increases vs. settlement

- In Rate Zone I, only 2 territories out of 4 have lower increases
- In Rate Zone 2, only 1 territory out of 3 has a lower increase
- In Rate Zone 3, only 3 territories out of 10 have lower increases
- In Rate Zone 4, only 1 territory out of 8 has a lower increase.

To summarize, only 7 territories out of 25 have realized a reduction of rate increases as a result of what has been offered as a "settlement" proposal. That is inarguably a case of unjust and discriminatory treatment. These several customers of Aqua are provided with the same services and they are strapped with rate increases which bear no relation to the services provided. Even if one assumes (or accepts) that customers in one Rate Zone may receive services that are somewhat different from customers in other Rate Zones, the same conclusion is certain - some customers in one Rate Zone are treated in a different and discriminatory manner compared with other customers in the same Rate Zone. Any rate increase settlement offering across-the-board rate changes, must offer the same changes to each member of the class in order to avoid discrimination and rate shock.

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