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APPLICATION OF

AQUA VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUR-2017-00082

For an increase in rates

AMENDING ORDER

On August 1, 2017, Aqua Virginia, Inc. ("Aqua Virginia" or "Company"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an increase in water and sewer rates ("Application").¹ Aqua Virginia filed the Application pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia ("Code")² and the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings.³

On September 5, 2017, the Commission issued its Order for Notice and Hearing in this matter directing, among other things, that Aqua Virginia publish notice of its request to increase water and sewer rates on one (1) occasion in newspapers of general circulation throughout the Company's service territory. The newspaper notice prescribed by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, however, inadvertently misprinted, in one instance, Aqua Virginia's requested increase in water revenues as \$1,488,988, rather than \$1,488,998.

In addition, Code § 56-237.1 B requires Aqua Virginia to notify its customers of its requested rate change "in such form and contain[ing] such information as prescribed by the Commission," as is directed herein.

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² Code § 56-232 *et seq.*

³ 20 VAC 5-201-10 *et seq.*

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this matter, is of the opinion and finds that the September 5, 2017 Order for Notice and Hearing in this matter should be amended as it pertains to Aqua Virginia's requirement to publish newspaper notice of its requested increase in water and sewer rates. In addition, Aqua Virginia shall serve the notice prescribed below on the Company's customers directly in accordance with the provisions of Code § 56-237.1 B.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Ordering paragraph (7) of the Commission's September 5, 2017 Order for Notice and Hearing shall be amended to direct that: On or before October 10, 2017, Aqua Virginia shall cause a copy of the following notice to be published as display advertising (not classified) on one (1) occasion in newspapers of general circulation throughout the Company's service territory within Virginia:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY AQUA
VIRGINIA, INC., FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES
CASE NO. PUR-2017-00082

- **Aqua Virginia, Inc., has applied for approval to increase its water and sewer rates to produce an increase in water revenues of \$1,488,998 and in wastewater revenues of \$399,069.**
- **A Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hear the case on April 24, 2018, at 10 a.m.**
- **Further information about this case is available on the SCC website at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.**

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("Code") and the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings.

The Company requests authority to increase rates for water and sewer service to produce an increase in water revenues of \$1,488,998 and in wastewater revenues of \$399,069. According to Aqua Virginia, the proposed rate increase would constitute an 11.0% increase in the Company's water revenues and a 5.4% increase in wastewater revenues. The Company asserts that a capital structure consisting of 49.95% long-term debt and 50.05% common equity and an authorized return on equity capital of 10.60% are appropriate for ratemaking in this proceeding.

In addition to the revenue increases, the Company requests authorization to make changes to the Rules and Regulations of its tariff. These changes include: (1) a new section regarding controls on substances disposed of into the wastewater system; and (2) elimination of sewer volumetric allowances for portable handheld irrigation deduction meters.

Through its Application, Aqua Virginia also seeks to combine two of the water rate groups and create one new water rate group and one new wastewater rate group for several of the recently-acquired systems, while reducing the differences between the Company's rate groups to continue the approved progress toward uniform consolidated rates for water and sewer service in accordance with the Commission's policy of gradualism in adjustment of rates.

Additionally, Aqua Virginia seeks authorization to implement a water and wastewater infrastructure service charge ("WWISC"). The Company asserts it has made substantial investments in water and wastewater infrastructure in the Commonwealth, including significant efforts to replace mains and other aging infrastructure that have reached the end of their useful lives. The Company explains that to achieve its goal of a 100-year replacement rate on aging infrastructure, it will be required to request even larger and more frequent base rate increases. The Company requests the WWISC to plan for and recover capital investments on a timely basis. Aqua Virginia asserts that the WWISC would ensure that the Commission continues to exercise the same or a greater level of review of such investments and their incorporation into rates, but through a streamlined and focused process, leading to smaller and more gradual increases in rates. The Company asks that the Commission approve the proposed WWISC to be effective February 1, 2019, following the close of

the rate year used in this Application. Aqua Virginia asserts that no investments that are incorporated into the Company's proposed base rate increase in this proceeding would be included in the proposed WWISC.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals. While the total revenue that may be approved by the Commission is limited to the amount produced by the Company's proposed rates, TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may approve revenues and adopt rates, fees, charges, tariff revisions, and terms and conditions of service that differ from those appearing in the Application and supporting documents and may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents.

The Commission has suspended Aqua Virginia's proposed rates, charges, and terms and conditions of service, pursuant to § 56-238 of the Code. The Company may, but is not obligated to, implement proposed rates, charges, and terms and conditions for service rendered on and after February 10, 2018, on an interim basis, subject to refund with interest.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing to commence at 10 a.m. on April 24, 2018, in the Commission's Second Floor Courtroom, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, for the purpose of receiving comments from members of the public and evidence related to the Application. Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing need only appear in the Commission's Second Floor Courtroom prior to 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself to the Commission's Bailiff.

Copies of the Application and the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, John K. Byrum, Jr., Esquire, Woods Rogers PLC, Riverfront Plaza, West Tower, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 1550, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means. Copies of these documents also shall be available for interested persons to review in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the First Floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through

Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

Any interested person may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing, on or before January 16, 2018, a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Anyone filing a notice of participation simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company at the address set forth above. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.* ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Interested persons shall refer in all of their filed papers to Case No. PUR-2017-00082.

On or before February 13, 2018, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission and serve on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of such testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. In all filings, the respondent shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, including 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2017-00082.

On or before April 17, 2018, any interested person may file written comments on the Application with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. On or before April 17, 2018, any interested person desiring to submit comments electronically may do so by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. All correspondence shall refer to Case No. PUR-2017-00082.

The Commission's Rules of Practice may be viewed at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Rules of Practice may be obtained from Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118.

AQUA VIRGINIA, INC.

(2) All other provisions of the Commission's September 5, 2017 Order for Notice and Hearing shall remain in full force and effect.

(3) On or before November 10, 2017, Aqua Virginia also shall serve a copy of the notice prescribed in Ordering Paragraph (1) of this Order directly on the Company's customers in accordance with the provisions of Code § 56-237.1 B.

(4) On or before November 27, 2017, Aqua Virginia shall file proof of the service of notice as prescribed in Ordering Paragraph (3) herein with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118.

(5) This matter is continued generally.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to: John K. Byrum, Jr., Esquire, Woods Rogers PLC, Riverfront Plaza, West Tower, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 1550, Richmond, Virginia 23219; Kimberly A. Joyce, Esquire, and Mary McFall Hopper, Esquire, Aqua America, Inc., 762 West Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010; and C. Meade Browder, Jr., Senior Assistant Attorney General, Division of Consumer Counsel, Office of the Attorney General, 202 N. 9th Street, 8th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219-3424.

A copy also shall be delivered to the Commission's Office of General Counsel and Divisions of Public Utility Regulation and Utility Accounting and Finance.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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APPLICATION OF

AQUA VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUR-2017-00082

For an increase in rates

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On August 1, 2017, Aqua Virginia, Inc. ("Aqua Virginia" or "Company"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an increase in water and sewer rates ("Application").¹ Aqua Virginia filed the Application pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia ("Code")² and the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings ("Rate Case Rules").³ Aqua Virginia included exhibits and the pre-filed testimony of John J. Aulbach, II, Stanley F. Szczygiel, Richard F. Hale, Jr., Daniel M. Hingley, Dylan W. D'Ascendis, Constance E. Heppenstall, and Daniel T. Franceski with the Application.

The Company requests authority to increase rates for water and sewer service to produce an increase in water revenues of \$1,488,998 and in wastewater revenues of \$399,069.⁴

According to Aqua Virginia, the proposed rate increase would constitute an 11.0% increase in

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² Code § 56-232 *et seq.*

³ 20 VAC 5-201-10 *et seq.*

⁴ Application at 2.

the Company's water revenues and a 5.4% increase in wastewater revenues.⁵ The Company asserts that a capital structure consisting of 49.95% long-term debt and 50.05% common equity and an authorized return on equity capital of 10.60% are appropriate for ratemaking in this proceeding.⁶ Aqua Virginia requests that the new rates become effective, subject to refund pending a final order in this proceeding, no later than 120 days after the Company filed its Application, December 1, 2017.⁷

In addition to the revenue increases, the Company requests authorization to make changes to the Rules and Regulations of its tariff.⁸ These changes include: (1) a new section regarding controls on substances disposed of into the wastewater system; and (2) elimination of sewer volumetric allowances for portable handheld irrigation deduction meters.⁹

Through its Application, Aqua Virginia also seeks to combine two of the water rate groups and create one new water rate group and one new wastewater rate group for several of the recently-acquired systems, while reducing the differences between the Company's rate groups to continue the approved progress toward uniform consolidated rates for water and sewer [service] in accordance with the Commission's policy of gradualism in adjustment of rates.¹⁰

Additionally, Aqua Virginia seeks authorization to implement a water and wastewater infrastructure service charge ("WWISC").¹¹ The Company asserts it has made substantial investments in water and wastewater infrastructure in the Commonwealth of Virginia, including significant efforts to replace mains and other aging infrastructure that have reached the end of

⁵ *Id.* Aqua Virginia asserts that its testimony and evidence support a 12.9% increase in water revenues and a 7.5% increase in wastewater revenues, but the Company is not requesting such an increase through its Application. *Id.*

⁶ *Id.* at 5.

⁷ Aqua Virginia's Letter Amendment Regarding Working Capital at 2. The Company initially requested that the new rates become effective 180 days after the Company's Application is deemed complete. Application at 5.

⁸ Application at 3.

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.* at 4.

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their useful lives.¹² The Company explains that to achieve its goal of a 100-year replacement rate on aging infrastructure, it will be required to request even larger and more frequent base rate increases.¹³ The Company requests the WWISC to plan for and recover capital investments on a timely basis.¹⁴ Aqua Virginia asserts that the WWISC would ensure that the Commission continues to exercise the same or a greater level of review of such investments and their incorporation into rates, but through a streamlined and focused process, leading to smaller and more gradual increases in rates.¹⁵ The Company asks that the Commission approve the proposed WWISC to be effective February 1, 2019, following the close of the rate year used in the Application.¹⁶ Aqua Virginia asserts that no investments that are incorporated into the Company's proposed base rate increase in this proceeding would be included in the proposed WWISC.¹⁷

In connection with the Application, the Company also filed: (i) a Petition for Waiver in which it requested a partial waiver of Rules 20 VAC 5-201-20 and 20 VAC 5-201-90 (Schedule 40) of the Rate Case Rules requiring a jurisdictional cost of service study;¹⁸ and (ii) a Motion for Protective Order in which the Company requests that the Commission enter a

¹² *Id.* at 6.

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ *Id.* at 6-7.

¹⁵ *Id.* at 7.

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ On June 29, 2017, the Commission entered an Order granting Aqua Virginia's Petition for Waiver and directing the Company to file Schedules 19, 22, 25, 29, and 30, showing cost of service on a going-forward individual subsidiary basis for Aqua Presidential, Inc., Aqua Wintergreen Valley Utility Company, and Aqua Utilities Captain's Cove, Inc. *Aqua Virginia, Inc., For an increase in rates*, Case No. PUR-2017-00082, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 170640177, Order (June 29, 2017). These subsidiaries were merged into Aqua Virginia pursuant to the Order Granting Approval entered May 3, 2017, in Case No. PUR-2017-00018. *See Joint Petition of Aqua Virginia, Inc.; Aqua Presidential, Inc.; Aqua Wintergreen Valley Utility Company; and Aqua Utilities Captain's Cove, Inc., For approval of change of control under Chapter 5 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia*, Case No. PUR-2017-00018, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 170510135, Order Granting Approval (May 3, 2017).

protective order setting forth the procedures by which disclosure of certain confidential information shall be handled in this proceeding.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this matter, is of the opinion and finds that a public hearing should be convened to receive evidence on the Application and that pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before hearing examiners*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.* ("Rules of Practice"), this matter should be assigned to a Hearing Examiner to conduct all further proceedings.¹⁹ We will direct Aqua Virginia to give notice to the public of the Application, and we will give interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Application or to participate as a respondent in this proceeding. The Staff shall investigate the Application and present its findings in testimony. The Company will be permitted to file testimony in rebuttal to the testimony filed by the respondents and the Staff.

Section 56-238 of the Code permits the suspension of rates for up to 180 days from the date of filing. The Memorandum of Completeness in this proceeding deemed Aqua Virginia's Application complete on August 14, 2017. We find that suspending rates for 180 days is appropriate in this case. On or after February 10, 2018, the Company may, but is not required to, implement its proposed rates on an interim basis, subject to refund with interest.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2017-00082.
- (2) Pursuant to § 12.1-31 of the Code and 5 VAC 5-20-120 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, a Hearing Examiner is appointed to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on

¹⁹ The Motion for Protective Order shall be addressed by separate ruling by the Hearing Examiner appointed to conduct the proceedings in this matter.

behalf of the Commission, concluding with the issuance of a report containing the Hearing Examiner's findings and recommendations.

(3) The proposed rates, charges, and terms and conditions of service are suspended, pursuant to § 56-238 of the Code. The Company may, but is not obligated to, implement the proposed rates for service rendered on and after February 10, 2018, on an interim basis, subject to refund with interest.

(4) On or before December 4, 2017, Aqua Virginia shall file a bond with the Commission in the amount of \$1,888,067 payable to the Commission and conditioned to insure the prompt refund by the Company to those entitled thereto of all amounts the Company shall collect in excess of such rates and charges as the Commission may finally fix and determine.

(5) A public hearing shall be convened on April 24, 2018, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's Courtroom, Second Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive comments from members of the public and to receive evidence on the Application. Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing concerning the Application need only appear in the Commission's Courtroom at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself to the Commission's Bailiff.

(6) Copies of the Application, testimony, and schedules, as well as a copy of this Order for Notice and Hearing, may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for Aqua Virginia, John K. Byrum, Jr., Esquire, Woods Rogers PLC, Riverfront Plaza, West Tower, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 1550, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means. Copies of these documents also shall be available for interested persons to review in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the First Floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding

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Copies of the Application and the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, John K. Byrum, Jr., Esquire, Woods Rogers PLC, Riverfront Plaza, West Tower, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 1550, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means. Copies of these documents also shall be available for interested persons to review in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the First Floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

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On or before February 13, 2018, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission and serve on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of such testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. In all filings, the respondent shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, including 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2017-00082.

On or before April 17, 2018, any interested person may file written comments on the Application with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. On or before April 17, 2018, any interested person desiring to submit comments electronically may do so by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. All correspondence shall refer to Case No. PUR-2017-00082.

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(8) On or before October 10, 2017, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order for Notice and Hearing on the chairman of the board of supervisors and county attorney of each county and upon the mayor or manager of every city and town (or upon equivalent officials in counties, towns, and cities having alternate forms of government) in which the Company provides service. Service shall be made by first class mail to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(13) On or before February 13, 2018, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission and serve on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of such testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (8). In all filings, the respondent shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, including: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2017-00082.

(14) The Staff shall investigate the Application. On or before March 13, 2018, the Staff shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of the Staff's testimony and exhibits and shall serve a copy on counsel to the Company and all respondents. Each Staff witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page.

(15) On or before April 3, 2018, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission any rebuttal testimony and exhibits that the Company expects to offer in rebuttal to the testimony and exhibits of the respondents and the Staff and simultaneously shall serve a copy on the Staff and all respondents. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of such rebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (8).

(16) The Commission's Rule of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-260, *Interrogatories or requests for production of documents and things*, shall be modified for this proceeding as follows: answers to interrogatories and requests for production of documents shall be served within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the same. Except as modified above, discovery shall be

in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,
5 VAC 5-20-240 *et seq.*

(17) This matter is continued generally.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to: John K. Byrum, Jr., Esquire, Woods Rogers PLC, Riverfront Plaza, West Tower, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 1550, Richmond, Virginia 23219; Kimberly A. Joyce, Esquire, and Mary McFall Hopper, Esquire, Aqua America, Inc., 762 West Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010; and C. Meade Browder, Jr., Senior Assistant Attorney General, Division of Consumer Counsel, Office of the Attorney General, 202 N. 9th Street, 8th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219-3424. A copy also shall be delivered to the Commission's Office of General Counsel and Divisions of Public Utility Regulation and Utility Accounting and Finance.