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Honorable Sherri Golden Secretary of the Board New Jersey Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor P.O. Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-0350 <u>sherri.golden@bpu.nj.gov</u> <u>board.secretary@bpu.nj.gov</u>

Re: I/M/O the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, BPU Docket No. AO20060471

Dear Secretary Golden:

On behalf of Aqua New Jersey, Inc. ("Aqua" or the "Company"), please accept this letter request in lieu of a more formal filing in the above-referenced docket. Aqua is electing to defer recovery of its Covid-19 Arrearage balances to its next base rate case. At this time, Aqua anticipates that it will file its next base rate case in December, 2023.

In accordance with the March 19, 2020 and May 20, 2020 Board Orders in Docket No. EO20030254, hard copies are not being provided at this time, but may be submitted at a later time, if required.

Kindly direct any inquiries to the undersigned. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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