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Kristi Izzo, Secretary Board of Public Utilities 44 South Clinton Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor P.O. Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625

I/M/O Petition of Aqua New Jersey, Inc. for Approval of a Restated Municipal Franchise to Serve the Township of Chesterfield, Burlington County, State of NJ, Docket No. WE13111058

## Dear Secretary Izzo:

Re:

By Order dated February 19, 2014, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") granted the application of Aqua New Jersey, Inc. ("Aqua") for a restated franchise to provide water services to the Township of Chesterfield ("Township") (together, the "Parties") and to construct, operate and maintain water facilities in the Township's rights-of-way. After the Order was issued, it was discovered that due to an administrative error, the franchise territory was not accurately described in the Petition, and subsequently was inaccurately described in the Board Order. By this letter, Aqua provides a more accurate description of the franchise service territory, as set forth in the Township's Franchise Ordinance and the Parties' Franchise Agreement, and requests that this description be accepted as the operative description of Aqua's franchise.

Attached as Exhibit "A" is the map of Aqua's franchise territory that was referenced in Paragraph 2.4 of the Parties' Franchise Agreement, defining the "Franchise Area", and attached as an exhibit to the Franchise Agreement. You will note that the Franchise Agreement defined the franchise area by reference to the boundaries set forth on the map, and the map should

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therefore be utilized as the operative document with regard to the scope of the franchise. A less legible version of this map was attached as part of Exhibit "C" to the Petition.

Attached as Exhibit "B" is a written description of the franchise area that was contained in the Parties' 1956 Franchise Agreement. The description corresponds to the map and should be used to provide further guidance regarding the scope of the franchise. The areas within the boundaries of the Township that are outside the approved service territory are: the area north and west of the New Jersey Turnpike to the boundary between Burlington and Mercer Counties and the Township boundary to the west; and the entire area south of Bordentown-Chesterfield Road (CR528) and Stelle Road continuing to the Township boundary on the east. As between the two exhibits, the map should be deemed to be the controlling document.

The remainder of the Township is largely undeveloped land that cannot be developed under the Township's Transfer of Development Rights strategy. This strategy was developed as part of the master plan adopted by the Chesterfield Township Planning Board regarding future land use in the Township.

There is no other provider of water service to the Township.

Please advise if you require further information or clarification regarding the scope of Aqua's franchise.

Thank you for your anticipated courtesies.

Respectfully,

Steven S. Goldenberg

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