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(Via Electronic Mail Only)

Carmen Diaz, Acting Secretary
Board of Public Utilities
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**Re: I/M/O Petition of Aqua New Jersey, Inc. For Approval
To Change the Levels of Its Purchased Sewerage
Treatment Adjustment Clause ("PSTAC") True-Up
Filing to 2023 and for Approval to Continue Current
Rates
BPU Docket No.: WR22090573**

Dear Acting Secretary Diaz:

Please accept this letter as the non-objection of the Division of Rate Counsel ("Rate Counsel") to the Petition filed by of Aqua New Jersey, Inc. ("Aqua") with the Board of Public Utilities ("Board") in the above-referenced matter. The Petition requests that the Board approve a continuation of Aqua's PSTAC rates set forth in Aqua's Wastewater Tariff, Rate Schedule No. 2, until a new rate is approved in Aqua's next PSTAC filing, which is anticipated for 2023. To that end, the Petition also asks the Board to waive the requirement in N.J.A.C. 14:9-7.1(d)(2) that Aqua file a petition for an adjusted PSTAC for the upcoming year and, lastly, asks that the Board permit Aqua to defer the true-up of 2021 PSTAC costs to its 2023 PSTAC filing. Aqua is making this request after discussions with Rate Counsel and Staff. For the reasons set forth in Aqua's Petition, Rate Counsel does not object to Board approval of the relief requested therein.

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