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APPLICATION OF

AQUA VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUR-2025-00071

For an Increase in Rates

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On July 30, 2025, Aqua Virginia, Inc. (“Aqua” or “Company”) filed with the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) an application pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 56 (§ 56-232 *et seq.*) of the Code of Virginia (“Code”), Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules of Practice”)¹, and Rule 20 VAC 5-201-10 *et seq.* of the Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings of Investor-owned Water Utilities (“Rate Case Rules”), requesting authority for a general increase in rates (“Application”).² The Company requests that its new rates become effective, subject to refund, pending a final order in this matter, no later than 180 days after the Company’s Application is deemed complete.³

¹ 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.*

² Application at 1.

³ *Id.* at 4. As part of its Application, Aqua requested that the Commission waive the \$20 million threshold requirement of 20 VAC 5-201-90 of the Rate Case Rules so that the Company may be permitted to calculate cash working capital using a formula method in this case. Application at 5-6. Further, on August 13, 2025, Aqua filed a Petition for Waiver requesting that the Commission grant the Company waiver of Rate Case Rules 20 VAC 5-201-20 A 1 and 20 VAC 5-201-90 (Schedule 40(a) and (b)), which require the filing of certain cost of service studies with the Company’s Application. On August 14, 2025, a Memorandum of Incompleteness was filed in this case, finding the Company’s Application incomplete pending Commission approval of Aqua’s requested waivers (collectively “Waiver Requests”).

Aqua states that its Application follows the Company's most recent base rate proceeding in Case No. PUR-2023-00073.⁴ The Company requests an increase in rates for water and wastewater service to produce an increase in water revenues of \$5,318,190 and an increase in wastewater revenues of \$2,608,423, for a combined increase of \$7,926,613.⁵ According to the Company, the requested increases constitute an approximate 26.42% increase in water revenues and a 29.95% increase in wastewater revenues, for a combined increase of 27.48%.⁶

Aqua states that the requested increase in base rate revenue reflects its costs and revenues for the twelve-month Test Year ended March 31, 2025.⁷ The Company has proposed for this proceeding a capital structure consisting of 47.17% long-term debt, 0.00% short-term debt, and 52.83% common equity and an authorized return on equity capital of 10.70%.⁸

A comprehensive list of the Company's proposed rates is included in the notice section of this Order.⁹

Aqua also requests authorization to make one change to the Rules and Regulations of its tariff.¹⁰ Specifically, the Company seeks to cease charging availability fees.¹¹ The Company proposes to add the revenue from these fees (\$474,770, consisting of \$273,680 for water

⁴ *Application of Aqua Virginia, Inc., For an Increase in Rates*, Case No. PUR-2023-00073, 2024 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 129, Final Order (Sept. 12, 2024).

⁵ Application at 2.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ Direct Testimony of Richard F. Hale, Jr., at 4.

⁸ Application at 4.

⁹ *See also* Application, sched. 41 at 10-17.

¹⁰ Application at 3.

¹¹ *Id.*

customers and \$201,090 for wastewater customers) to the revenue requirement to be charged to all water and wastewater sales customers.¹² Aqua's proposed change is discussed in greater detail in the Company's Schedule 41 attached to the Application.¹³

Finally, in conjunction with the filing of its Application, the Company filed a Motion for Protective Order and a proposed protective order concerning the use of confidential information in this proceeding.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered this matter, is of the opinion and finds that this matter should be docketed; Aqua should provide notice of its Application; a public hearing should be scheduled for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence on the Application, including public witness testimony; interested persons and the public should have an opportunity to file comments on the Application or participate as respondents in this proceeding; and the Staff of the Commission ("Staff") should be directed to investigate the Application and file testimony and exhibits containing its findings and recommendations thereon. We further find that a Hearing Examiner should be appointed to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission, including ruling on Aqua's Motion for Protective Order, and to file a final report.

The Commission further finds that Aqua's Waiver Requests should be granted. Specifically, Aqua's request for waiver of the \$20 million threshold requirement of 20 VAC 5-201-90 should be granted so that the Company may calculate cash working capital using a formula method in this case. Similarly, the Company's request for waiver of Rate Case

¹² *Id.*

¹³ *Id.*

Rules 20 VAC 5-201-20 A 1 and 20 VAC 5-201-90 (Schedule 40(a) and (b)) should also be granted.

We further note that the proposed revenue requirement, if approved, would result in an increase to customer bills. Pursuant to Code § 56-238, we find that Aqua's proposed rates should be suspended for a period of 180 days, the maximum allowed by law.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission will, among other things, direct the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings unless they contain confidential information, and require electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2025-00071.

(2) All pleadings in this matter shall be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice. Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

(3) Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission directs that service on parties and Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information, parties and Staff are instructed to work together to agree upon the manner in which documents containing such information shall be served upon one another, to the extent practicable, in an electronically

protected manner, even if such information is unable to be filed in the Office of the Clerk, so that no party or the Staff is impeded from preparing its case.

(4) As provided by Code § 12.1-31 and 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before hearing examiners*, of the Rules of Practice, a Hearing Examiner is appointed to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission, including ruling on Aqua's Motion for Protective Order, and to file a final report. A copy of each filing made with the Commission's Clerk's Office in this matter shall also be sent electronically to the Office of the Hearing Examiners.¹⁴

(5) Pursuant to Code § 56-238, the Commission suspends Aqua's proposed rates for a period of 180 days, the maximum allowed by law. Thereafter, Aqua may, but is not required to, implement its proposed rates on an interim basis, subject to refund with interest, for service rendered on and after January 26, 2026.

(6) On or before December 2, 2025, Aqua shall file a bond with the Commission in the amount of \$7,926,613, payable to the Commission, and conditioned to ensure the prompt refund by the Company to those entitled thereto of all amounts that the Company may collect in excess of such rates and charges as the Commission may finally fix and determine.

(7) The Commission schedules a telephonic portion of the hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application, as follows:

- (a) The portion of the hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application shall be convened telephonically on April 28, 2026, at 10 a.m.
- (b) To promote fairness for all public witnesses, each witness will be allotted five minutes to provide testimony.

¹⁴ Such electronic copies shall be sent to: OHEParalegals@sec.virginia.gov.

- (c) On or before April 20, 2026, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission: (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in two ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting; or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141 to register.
- (d) Beginning at 10 a.m. on April 28, 2026, the Hearing Examiner appointed to this case will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.
- (e) This public witness portion of the hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting.

(8) The evidentiary portion of the hearing shall be convened at 10 a.m. on April 28, 2026, or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive testimony and evidence of Aqua, any respondents, and Staff on the Application.

(9) An electronic copy of the Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: John K. Byrum, Jr., Esquire, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 1550, Richmond, Virginia 23219, jbyrum@woodsrogers.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/case-information.

(10) On or before October 15, 2025, Aqua shall cause 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-2025-00071

- **Aqua Virginia Inc. (“Aqua”) has applied for approval of a general increase in rates.**
- **Aqua requests a total increase in revenue requirement of \$7,926,613.**
- **A Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hear the case on April 28, 2026.**
- **Further information about this case is available on the State Corporation Commission’s website at: scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting.**

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The rates proposed for water and wastewater service in the Application are as follows:

**WATER SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE BY GROUP –
Water 0 (W0), Water 1 (W1), Water 2 (W2), and Water 3 (W3)**

METERED ACCOUNTS: Metered connections shall be charged the monthly base facility charge plus the gallonage charge for all gallons used as set forth below:

Base Facilities Charge Water Group 0: (Residential and Non-residential) – No bill will be rendered for less than the minimum charge set forth below:

Monthly Water Base Facility Charge - Water Group 0 (W0)

Meter Size	<u>W0</u>	Gallons Included in W0 Allowance
Less than 1"	\$33.00	1,500
1"	\$79.50	3,750
1.5"	\$158.99	7,500
2"	\$254.41	12,000
3"	\$508.80	24,000
4"	\$795.00	37,500
6"	\$1,590.01	75,000

Gallage Charge: (Residential and Non-residential)
Per 1,000 gallons used over allowance listed above:

W0
 \$13.33

Base Facilities Charge Water Group 1 and Water Group 2:
 (Residential and Non-residential) – No bill will be rendered for less than the minimum charge set forth below:

**Monthly Water Base Facility Charge – Water Group 1 (W1),
 Water Group 2 (W2), and Water Group 3 (W3)**

Meter Size	<u>W1</u>	<u>W2</u>
Less than 1"	\$29.22	\$29.22
1"	\$66.02	-
1.5"	\$132.81	-
2"	\$212.50	-
3"	\$425.00	-
4"	\$664.04	-
6"	\$1,328.10	-

Gallage Charge: (Residential and Non-residential)
Per 1,000 gallons used for all meter sizes by Water Group:

	<u>W1</u>	<u>W2</u>
Powhatan	\$13.33	\$3.51
Irrigation	\$7.99	

UNMETERED ACCOUNTS: Unmetered connections shall be charged as set forth below:

Flat Rate (Unmetered) Water Service

	<u>W0</u>	<u>W1</u>	<u>W2</u>
Residential	\$70.50	\$74.01	\$74.01
Non-residential	\$70.50	\$132.67	\$132.67

PRIVATE FIRE SERVICE FEES

The monthly fee charged for each private fire service connection and/or private fire hydrant shall be as follows for W0, W1, and W2:

<u>Connection Size</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>
1"	\$18.75
1.5"	\$37.49
2"	\$59.99
3"	\$119.98
4"	\$187.46
6"	\$374.95

**WASTEWATER SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE BY
GROUP – Sewer 0 (S0) and Sewer 1 (S1)**

METERED ACCOUNTS: Metered connections shall be charged the monthly base facility charge plus the gallonage charge for all gallons used as set forth below:

Base Facility Charge: (Residential and Non-residential) – No bill will be rendered for less than the minimum charges set forth below:

**Monthly Wastewater Base Facility Charge –
Sewer Group 0 (S0)**

Meter Size	S0	Gallons Included in Allowance
Residential Any Size	\$43.50	1,500

Gallonage Charge: (Residential)

Per 1,000 gallons used over allowance listed above:

S0

\$23.14 *Monthly usage charges are limited to 6,000 gallons*

<u>Non-Residential Meter Size</u>	<u>S0</u>	<u>Gallons Included in Allowance</u>
<1"	\$43.50	1,500
1"	\$108.75	3,750
1.5"	\$217.50	7,500

2"	\$348.00	12,000
3"	\$696.00	24,000
4"	\$1,087.50	37,500
6"	\$2,175.00	75,000

Gallonge Charge: (Non-residential)

Per 1,000 gallons used over allowance listed above:

S0

\$24.30

Monthly Wastewater Base Facility Charge Sewer Group 1 (S1)

Meter Size	<u>S1</u>
Residential	
Any Size	\$41.83
Non-Residential	
Meter Size	
<1"	\$41.83
1"	\$95.08
1.5"	\$190.14
2"	\$304.21
3"	\$608.44
4"	\$950.67
6"	\$1,901.35

Gallonge Charge: (Residential and Non-residential)

	<u>S1</u>	
Residential	\$23.14	<i>Monthly residential usage charges are limited to 6,000 gallons</i>
Non-Residential	\$24.30	

UNMETERED ACCOUNTS: Unmetered connections shall be charged as set forth below:

Flat Rate (Unmetered) Service:

	<u>S0</u>	<u>S1</u>
Residential	\$121.64	\$121.64
Non-residential	\$277.01	\$277.01

Aqua also requests authorization to make one change to the Rules and Regulations of its tariff. Namely, the Company seeks to cease charging availability fees. The Company proposes to add the revenue from these fees (\$474,770, consisting of \$273,680 for water customers and \$201,090 for wastewater customers) to the revenue requirement to be charged to all water and wastewater sales customers. Aqua's proposed change is discussed in greater detail in the Company's Schedule 41 attached to the Application.

Additional details are set forth in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Application, testimony and supporting exhibits.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may adopt rates, charges and/or terms and conditions that differ from those appearing in the Company's 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 entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing on the Application. The Commission noted that the proposed revenue requirement, if approved, would result in an increase to customer bills. Pursuant to Code § 56-238, the Commission suspended Aqua's proposed rates for a period of 180 days, the maximum allowed by law.

On April 28, 2026, at 10 a.m., the Hearing Examiner will hold a telephonic portion of the hearing, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before April 20, 2026, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission: (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in two ways: (i) by filling out a form

on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting; or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141 to register.

On April 28, 2026, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Application from Aqua, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and has required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: John K. Byrum, Jr., Esquire, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 1550, Richmond, Virginia 23219, jbyrum@woodsrogers.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/case-information.

On or before April 23, 2026, any interested person may submit comments on the Application electronically by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <https://www.scc.virginia.gov/case-information/submit-public-comments>. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00071.

On or before December 30, 2025, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at: scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be served electronically on counsel for the Company, any other

respondents, and the Commission's Staff. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the 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. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00071.

On or before February 24, 2026, each respondent may file electronically with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served electronically on the Commission's Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with their filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00071.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, the Application and other documents filed in this case may be viewed on the Commission's website at: scc.virginia.gov/case-information.

AQUA VIRGINIA, INC.

(11) On or before October 15, 2025, Aqua shall serve a copy of the notice prescribed in Ordering Paragraph (10) of this Order directly on the Company's customers in accordance with the provisions of Code § 56-237.1 B. Service shall either be made by first-class mail to the customary place of business or residence of the person served or may be included as a prominent and legible bill insert in each customer's respective bill. For those customers who have expressly approved service of bills and other correspondence by electronic means, the notice prescribed in Ordering Paragraph (10) may be sent electronically.

(12) On or before October 15, 2025, Aqua shall serve a copy of this Order for Notice and Hearing on the following local officials, to the extent the position exists, in each county, city, and town in which the Company provides service in the Commonwealth of Virginia: the chairman of the board of supervisors and county attorney of each county, and the mayor or manager (or equivalent official) and city or town attorney of every city and town. Service shall be made electronically where possible; if electronic service is not possible, service shall be made by either personal delivery or first-class mail to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(13) On or before November 5, 2025, Aqua shall file proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (10), (11) and (12), including the name, title, and address of each official served, with the Clerk of the Commission by filing electronically at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling.

(14) On or before April 23, 2026, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: <https://www.scc.virginia.gov/case-information/submit-public-comments>. Those unable, as a

practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00071.

(15) On or before December 30, 2025, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed in Ordering Paragraph (14). Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation electronically on counsel to the Company, Staff, and all other respondents. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's 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. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00071.

(16) Within five (5) business days of receipt of a notice of participation as a respondent, Aqua shall serve a copy of the Application and supporting materials on the respondent, unless these materials already have been provided to the respondent.

(17) On or before February 24, 2026, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and

exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address in Ordering Paragraph (14). Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served electronically on Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with their filing. In all filings, the respondent shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, including 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00071.

(18) On or before March 26, 2026, Staff shall investigate the Application and file with the Clerk of the Commission its testimony and exhibits concerning the Application, and each Staff witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. A copy thereof shall be served electronically on counsel to the Company and all respondents.

(19) On or before April 9, 2026, Aqua shall file with the Clerk of the Commission any rebuttal testimony and exhibits that it expects to offer, and each rebuttal witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. Aqua shall serve a copy of the rebuttal testimony and exhibits electronically on Staff and all respondents.

(20) Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified herein, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

(21) 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: responses and objections to written interrogatories and requests for production of documents shall be served within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the same. In addition to the

service requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-260 of the Rules of Practice, on the day that copies are filed with the Clerk of the Commission, a copy of the interrogatory or request for production shall be served electronically on the party to whom the interrogatory or request for production is directed or the assigned Staff attorney if the interrogatory or request for production is directed to the Staff.¹⁵ Except as modified above, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-240 *et seq.*

(22) Aqua's Waiver Requests are granted.

(23) This matter is continued.

A COPY hereof shall be sent electronically by the Clerk of the Commission to all persons on the official Service List in this matter. The Service List is available from the Clerk of the Commission.

¹⁵ The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/case-information, by clicking "Docket Search," clicking "Search by Case Information," and entering the case number, PUR-2025-00071, in the appropriate box.