



BOROUGH OF TRAINER
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION No. 1034

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE SALE OF CHESTER WATER AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Trainer, Delaware County, Pennsylvania is a local government unit organized and existing by and under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with a principal address of 824 Main Street, Trainer, Delaware County, Pennsylvania 19061; and

WHEREAS, Chester Water Authority, a not-for-profit municipal authority, is the supplier of water service to the residents and businesses throughout the Borough of Trainer; and

WHEREAS, a proposal to buy and acquire the public water system currently owned by Chester Water Authority has been made by Aqua, a private, for-profit business entity; and

WHEREAS, Chester Water Authority has been providing water service to the residents of the Borough of Trainer at a rate significantly less than the rates charged by private, for-profit water companies to their customers, including Aqua; and

WHEREAS, a comparison between rates charged by Chester Water Authority and Aqua reveals average water rates for Chester Water Authority customers range from \$35.15 to \$41.70, while Aqua's average water rates to its customers is \$65.20 or 156% to 185% higher; and

WHEREAS, as private for-profit corporation, Aqua would not be required to have the transparency and disclosure of information with the public that exists with Chester Water Authority since Aqua is not subject to neither the Pennsylvania Right-To-Know Law nor the Sunshine Act; and

WHEREAS, Chester Water meetings are open to public with the public having the right to provide comments and to have input on decisions affecting its operation and rate setting while Aqua restricts public access to its board meetings and decision making; and

WHEREAS, Chester Water Authority's paramount interest is to serve the rate payers of Delaware County, Chester County and the City of Chester while Aqua's paramount interest is to serve its investors and shareholders; and

AND NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by Trainer Borough Council, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. That Trainer Borough Council supports Chester Water Authority's decision to reject the proposal by Aqua to buy and acquire the public water system currently owned by Chester Water Authority as being in the best interests of the residents of the Borough of Trainer who are water service customers of Chester Water Authority.

DULY ADOPTED, by Trainer Borough Council, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, this 13th day of July, 2017 at a duly advertised public meeting at which a quorum was present.

Borough of Trainer, Delaware County, Pennsylvania

By: *Regina To Beak*
President (SEAL)

Attest: *Wiktoria Okolowski*
Secretary (SEAL)

I, Frances Zalewski, in my capacity as Mayor of the Borough of Trainer, hereby acknowledge presentation of this Resolution and do approve this Resolution as adopted by Trainer Borough Council on the 13th day of July, 2017.

DATE: *July 13, 2017*

Frances Zalewski
Frances Zalewski, Mayor
Borough of Trainer