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July 19, 2019

Ms. Michelle Kichline, Chairperson
Ms. Kathi Cozzone, Commissioner
Mr. Terence Farrell, Commissioner
Chester County Commissioners
313 West Market Street, Suite 6202
West Chester, PA 19380

RE: Chester Water Authority

Dear Commissioners:

In September 2017, you appointed me to serve on the Board of Directors for the Chester Water Authority (CWA). As one of the three members of the Board representing Chester County, I have worked with my fellow Board members to exercise my fiduciary duties and loyalty to the Authority and its ratepayers.

Two months ago, I brought to the attention of the Board the business relationship my employer has had with AQUA for decades relating to engineering services. As an officer of my company, I oversee contractual arrangements and invoicing for the account. I had not viewed my involvement with our AQUA contract as a conflict since I did not directly interact with AQUA personnel and did not participate in any of the actual work undertaken.

After discussion with the other Board members and the escalating litigation with AQUA over their attempt to purchase CWA, it is clear to me that I must resign from the Board to avoid the appearance of conflict. I therefore request that you accept this correspondence as my resignation from the Board effective today.

I appreciate the confidence you placed in me with my appointment to the Board and regret any disappointment or inconvenience my resignation causes you. Thank you for the opportunity to have served and please let me know if there is anything I can do to facilitate a smooth transition to a new member of the Board appointment.

Sincerely,



Christopher D. Burkett

pc: Cynthia Leitzell, Chairperson, Chester Water Authority