June 8, 2020

Dear Customer,

I am writing to bring you details on Aqua Pennsylvania’s construction work that is scheduled in your neighborhood. Before I do, on behalf of Aqua, I want you to know that we hope you and your family are faring well during this COVID-19 pandemic. During this time of uncertainty, please know that the water Aqua Pennsylvania delivers to your home or business remains compliant, meeting or outperforming all standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shined a greater light on the importance of access to safe drinking water and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf has identified Aqua as part of the life-sustaining business sector that contributes to the health and safety of Pennsylvania. Our ability to continue the uninterrupted delivery of safe drinking water to your homes and businesses is dependent on our ability to continue the necessary replacement of aging water mains.

Aqua Pennsylvania will begin the replacement of 4,500 feet of aging 22 inch steel pipe with a new 36 inch ductile iron water main on Philmont Avenue from Red Lion Road to Huntingdon Pike and Old Welsh Road from Huntingdon Pike to Terwood Road in Lower Moreland Township on Monday June 15, 2020 with a expected completion date in November.

The project is part of our continuing infrastructure improvement program that replaced more than 17 miles of aging main in Montgomery County in 2019 to improve service reliability for customers. The new water main will reduce the potential for main breaks and discolored water and improve water flow in the area.

Construction will generally take place weekdays between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Access will be provided for emergency, mail and trash service. However, crews might need to work on Saturdays in some cases. Residents will always have access to their properties at all times, but at times will need to enter from different directions due to changing work zones.

Following installation, the new main will be flushed, chlorinated and tested for water quality before being placed into service. During the chlorination/testing phase, activity on the job site will be limited. Once the water quality testing has been completed, we will
transfer each water service and fire hydrant to the new main. When all final connections are made to mains on the side streets, the old main will abandoned. It is important to note the trench will be covered with temporary blacktop at the end of each workday.

We will notify customers ahead of any planned water service interruptions and will provide 48 hours advance notice for any scheduled interruption greater than 30 minutes. We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 crisis and will change our practices if and when required. Aqua will have an inspector on the job each day to answer your questions.

Our employees and contractors have implemented the social distancing and hygiene practices encouraged by the Centers for Disease Control and other agencies. Should you encounter our crews and other employees, please maintain social distancing for your own safety as well as that of our crews. The work we are continuing is recognized as critical and our employees throughout the state are working 24/7 to answer your calls, respond to emergencies and maintain uninterrupted water service.

With the exception of the details described here, you may refer to the accompanying door hanger for more information on what to expect as we begin our construction project in your neighborhood.

In addition to reaching our customer service staff and emergency dispatcher at the number listed on the doorhanger accompanying this letter, you may also call me with any questions regarding the project at 215.659.2505.

We appreciate your support and wish you good health.

Sincerely,

Michael Staerk
Superintendent of Construction