

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**In the Matter of:**

**THE JOINT APPLICATION OF AQUA )  
AMERICA, INC., STEELRIVER )  
INFRASTRUCTURE FUND NORTH )  
AMERICA LP, STEELRIVER LDC )  
INVESTMENTS, LP, LDC PARENT LLC, )  
LDC FUNDING LLC, LDC HOLDINGS )  
LLC, PNG COMPANIES LLC, PEOPLES )  
GAS KY LLC, AND DELTA NATURAL GAS )  
COMPANY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN )  
ACQUISITION OF OWNERSHIP AND )  
CONTROL OF PNG COMPANIES LLC, )  
PEOPLES GAS KY LLC AND DELTA )  
NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. )**

**CASE NO. 2018-00369**

**NOTICE OF DELTA NATURAL GAS COMPANY INC.'S**  
**POST-CLOSING BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Comes Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc., (“Delta”) by counsel, for Notice of Its Post-Closing Board of Directors. As part of Case No. 2018-00369, Delta, PNG Companies LLC, and Aqua America, Inc.<sup>1</sup> made a number of commitments regarding the acquisition that was consummated on March 16, 2020. Two of those commitments pertained to Delta’s post-closing Board of Directors: (1) that Delta would have an independent director on its post-closing Board of Directors and (2) the parties would provide the names of all directors of Delta’s post-closing Board of Directors, together with a short biographical description of each Board member.

In accordance with those commitments, Delta’s post-closing Board of Directors will be comprised of the following individuals:

- **Christopher Franklin:** Mr. Franklin is the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Essential Utilities, Inc. Prior to his role as CEO, Mr. Franklin

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<sup>1</sup> Aqua America, Inc. is now known as Essential Utilities, Inc. to better reflect the range of services it provides.

was President and Chief Operating Officer. A 27-plus-year veteran of the company, Mr. Franklin has held executive roles in public affairs, customer service and operations. Mr. Franklin is active in the community and serves on several nonprofit boards and has been named one of the Philadelphia Business Journal's Most Admired CEOs in 2017 for his "strong record of innovation, outstanding financial performance, commitment to quality, a strong vision, a commitment to diversity in the workplace and contributions to the Greater Philadelphia region." Mr. Franklin earned his bachelor's degree from West Chester University and his MBA from Villanova University.

- **Daniel J. Schuller:** Mr. Schuller is Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer of Essential Utilities, Inc. Mr. Schuller is responsible for all financial operations for the organization, including accounting, SEC reporting, financial planning and analysis, tax, treasury, rates, and internal audit. He drives operational performance and growth. Mr. Schuller is a graduate of Purdue University, where he earned a B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in civil engineering.
- **Richard Fox:** Mr. Fox is Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer for Essential Utilities, Inc. Mr. Fox is responsible for the Company's regulated operations including engineering and environmental compliance. Mr. Fox joined the company in 2002 as manager of customer service. Mr. Fox earned his B.S. in chemical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and his M.B.A. from Villanova University, where he achieved Beta Gamma Sigma honors.
- **Christopher Luning:** Mr. Luning is Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary for Essential Utilities, Inc. In this role, he is the company's chief legal counsel and oversees and provides strategic direction for the company's legal and risk management departments. Mr. Luning provides direction on all matters related to Essential and its subsidiaries, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, risk management, and board matters. Mr. Luning earned his B.S. in business and political science from Albright College and his J.D. from Villanova University.
- **Matthew Rhodes:** Mr. Rhodes is Executive Vice President, Strategy and Corporate Development for Essential Utilities, Inc. Mr. Rhodes leads the development and execution of Essential's strategic initiatives, with an emphasis on growth. Mr. Rhodes received a B.A. in finance from the University of Texas, Austin and an M.B.A. with Honors from New York University.
- **Joseph Gregorini:** Mr. Gregorini is President of Peoples Natural Gas. Prior to this role, Mr. Gregorini was the Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Office of Peoples. He has been with the company since 1987. Mr. Gregorini earned his B.S. in Mineral Economics from Penn State University and serves on the board of the Energy Association of Pennsylvania. He is active as a Big Brother and has

served as a board member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh for several years.

- **Rodney Short:** Mr. Short has served on Delta's Board since 2015 as an independent director. He has been a successful real estate entrepreneur in Berea, Kentucky for over twenty years. Mr. Short is the President and owner of Red-Colt Property and Investments, Inc., which develops subdivisions and operates rental properties, and he is the President and owner of Rodney Short Builders, Inc., which builds homes and commercial properties. Mr. Short also markets and sells properties through his company, Short Real Estate Group, Inc. Since 2010, Mr. Short has served on the Berea Utility Advisory Board and is a past board member of the Madison County Home Builders Association. As the sole owner of these real estate businesses, Mr. Short provides extensive leadership, financial and operational experience in real estate to our Board. Further, as a registered builder and member of the Berea Utility Advisory Board, Mr. Short has extensive experience with policy issues affecting utility service and operation. Mr. Short is well-respected by and serves as an advisor to community leaders and legislators throughout Central Kentucky.

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Respectfully submitted,

*Monica H. Braun*

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**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

This is to certify that this April 1, 2020, electronic filing is a true and accurate copy of the same documents being filed in paper medium; that the electronic filing has been transmitted to the Commission on April 1, 2020; that there are currently no parties in this proceeding that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means; and that the original copy of this filing in paper medium will be filed in accordance with the emergency procedures established by the Commission.

*Monica H. Braun*

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and Essential Utilities, Inc.