

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE VERIFIED APPLICATION OF)	
AMERICAN WATER WORKS COMPANY,)	
INC., ALPHA MERGER SUB, INC.,)	
ESSENTIAL UTILITIES, INC., LDC)	CASE NO. 2025-00408
FUNDING, LLC, PNG COMPANIES LLC,)	
AND DELTA NATURAL GAS COMPANY,)	
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER)	
OF CONTROL OF DELTA NATURAL GAS)	
COMPANY, INC.)	

JOINT APPLICANTS' STATEMENT REGARDING HEARING

On December 22, 2025, pursuant to KRS 278.020(6) and (7), American Water Works Company, Inc. (“American Water”), Alpha Merger Sub, Inc. (“Merger Sub”), Essential Utilities, Inc. (“Essential”), LDC Funding LLC (“LDC Funding”), PNG Companies LLC (“PNG”), and Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“Delta”) (collectively “Joint Applicants”) applied to the Public Service Commission (“the Commission”) for approval of a change of control of Delta to be effected by the merger of Essential and Merger Sub, a wholly owned subsidiary of American Water (the “Merger”). The Joint Applicants requested the Commission enter a decision upon the Joint Application by April 21, 2026.

The Commission issued a procedural schedule on January 14, 2026 that included an intervention deadline and two rounds of discovery. There are no intervenors. Commission Staff issued data requests to the Joint Applicants on January 21, 2026 and responses to those requests were filed on February 6, 2026. Commission Staff issued additional data requests to the Joint Applicants on February 17, 2026 and responses to those requests were filed on March 6, 2026.

The only remaining item on the procedural schedule is March 11, 2026 which is the “last day for Parties to request a Public Hearing or submit a request for the matter to be decided upon the written record.” (January 19, 2026 Order, Appendix). Joint Applicants hereby file this statement on the issue of whether they request a hearing.

Joint Applicants appreciate the opportunity to request a hearing and the Commission’s willingness to conduct one. Joint Applicants believe the Commission has before it all the information it needs to grant all of the relief requested in the Joint Application. However, to the extent the Commission has any remaining questions or concerns that would prevent full approval of all relief requested, Joint Applicants would gladly appear at a hearing or an informal conference to address those questions or concerns.

Dated: March 11, 2026

Respectfully submitted,



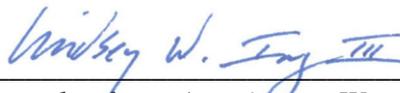
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, and the Commission's Order of July 22, 2021 in Case No. 2020-00085, I certify that this document was submitted electronically to the Public Service Commission on March 11, 2026, and that there are currently no parties that the Public Service Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding



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Company, Inc. and Alpha Merger Sub, Inc.*