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December 30, 2025

PARTIES OF RECORD

RE: Case No. 2025-00408
Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.
(Transfer / Sale / Purchase / Merger)

Commission Staff has reviewed the application in the above case and finds that it meets the minimum filing requirements and has been accepted for filing. Enclosed, please find a file-stamped copy of the first page of the filing. This case has been docketed and will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

If you need further assistance, please contact Brian Thomas at 502-564-3940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda C. Bridwell".

Linda C. Bridwell, PE
Executive Director

Enclosure

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

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

VERIFIED JOINT APPLICATION

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”) apply 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”). If approved, American Water will become the indirect parent of Delta. The Joint Applicants request that the Commission enter a decision upon the Application by April 21, 2026.

In support of their Application, the Joint Applicants state:

A. General Information

1. American Water is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware with its principal office and place of business at One Water Street, Camden, New Jersey 08102. Its electronic mail address for purposes of this proceeding is its counsel’s electronic mail address as set forth below. American Water was incorporated on August 28, 1936, and is currently in good standing in the state of Delaware. It does not transact business in the

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