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May 13, 2020

Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

Via Electronic Delivery

Re: Aqua North Carolina, Inc.
Notice of Corporate Name Change for Aqua America, Inc.
Docket No. W-218, Sub 526 (Pending Rate Case)
Docket No. W-218, Sub 474 (Corporate Surety)
Docket No. W-218 (Company Folder)

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Aqua North Carolina, Inc. ("Aqua" or "Company") hereby submits for electronic filing the Articles of Amendment, filed with the Pennsylvania Department of State, recording the change of corporate name from Aqua America, Inc. to Essential Utilities Inc., effective Monday, February 3, 2020. The attached filing was made in Pennsylvania on January 30, 2020 and Aqua requests that it be reflected in the dockets referenced above.

We note that Aqua America, Inc. is currently the surety for Aqua's required bond filings with the North Carolina Utilities Commission. As we request you to reflect the name change notification in that docket (W-218, Sub 474), we herein confirm the contact information as follows:

Shannon V. Becker
202 MacKenan Ct
Cary, NC 27511

In addition, attached please find Aqua America, Inc.'s 2017 - 2019 Annual Reports. Submission of these Annual Reports is made in compliance with Commission Rule R7-37(d), which addresses the requirement to file audited financial statements to demonstrate the net worth of a corporate surety.

As always, thank you and your colleagues for your assistance; please feel free to contact me if there are any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Electronically Submitted


/s/Jo Anne Sanford

State Bar No. 6831

Attorney for Aqua North Carolina, Inc.

c: Parties of Record

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF CORPORATIONS AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS**

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Check one: ☒ Business Corporation (§ 1915) ☐ Nonprofit Corporation (§ 5915)

In compliance with the requirements of the applicable provisions (relating to articles of amendment), the undersigned, desiring to amend its articles, hereby states that:

1. The name of the corporation is:

Aqua America, Inc.

2. The (a) address of this corporation's current registered office in this Commonwealth or (b) name of its commercial registered office provider and the county of venue is:

(Complete only (a) or (b), not both)

(a) Number and Street	City	State	Zip	County
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762 Lancaster Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA 19087-0, Montgomery

(b) Name of Commercial Registered Office Provider

County

c/o: _____

3. The statute by or under which it was incorporated: Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1933

4. The date of its incorporation: 11/14/1968

(MM/DD/YYYY)

5. Check, and if appropriate complete, one of the following:

____ The amendment shall be effective upon filing these Articles of Amendment in the Department of State.

☒ The amendment shall be effective on: 02/03/2020 at 12:01 a.m.
Date (MM/DD/YYYY) Hour (if any)

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DSCB:15-1915/5915-2

6. Check one of the following:

☐ The amendment was adopted by the shareholders or members pursuant to 15 Pa.C.S. § 1914(a) and (b) or § 5914(a).

☒ The amendment was adopted by the board of directors pursuant to 15 Pa. C.S. § 1914(c) or § 5914(b).

7. Check, and if appropriate complete, one of the following:

☐ The amendment adopted by the corporation, set forth in full, is as follows

☒ The amendment adopted by the corporation is set forth in full in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

8. Check if the amendment restates the Articles:

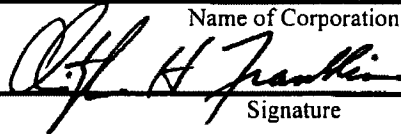
☐ The restated Articles of Incorporation supersede the original articles and all amendments thereto.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned corporation has caused these Articles of Amendment to be signed by a duly authorized officer thereof this

____ 30th day of January, 2020.

Aqua America, Inc.

Name of Corporation



Signature

Christopher H. Franklin, Chairman, President and CEO

Title

EXHIBIT A

to

**Articles of Amendment of
Aqua America, Inc.**

**Article I of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation is
hereby amended to read as follows:**

**"ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of the Corporation is Essential Utilities, Inc."

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the attached documents, consisting of the **Articles of Amendment---Corporate Name Change of Aqua America, Inc. to Essential Utilities, Inc. and Aqua North Carolina, Inc.'s 2017-2019 Annual Reports** have been served on the parties of record to Docket Nos. W-218, Subs 526 and 474, in accordance with North Carolina Utilities Commission Rule R1-39, either by: United States mail, first class postage pre-paid; hand delivery; or means of electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 13th day of May 2020.

Electronically Submitted
/s/Jo Anne Sanford
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