

PRESS RELEASE

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<p>LEHIGH COUNTY AUTHORITY MAKES COMMITMENT TO LOCAL WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS</p>
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<p><i>Board unanimously agrees to serve Country Club Gardens Water Company customers</i></p>
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Lehigh County Authority's Board of Directors made a public commitment to Ralph and Catherine Uff today as they voted unanimously to purchase the Country Club Gardens Water Co. water system assets if Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) denies the sale of the system to Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.

The Uffs have been operating this water system for roughly 40 years, providing water service to 416 properties in South Whitehall, Lower Macungie and Salisbury townships. Today's vote by Lehigh County Authority formalizes the Authority's commitment to the 217 residents who submitted postcards to the PUC and the Office of Consumer Advocate in October to oppose the sale of their water system to Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.

The Authority joined with South Whitehall Township and its Authority, Lower Macungie Township, the County of Lehigh, and the residents to protest the sale to Aqua Pennsylvania. The PUC is currently reviewing the sale for possible approval with hearings scheduled later this month.

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According to the postcards submitted by the residents, they oppose the sale of their water system to Aqua Pennsylvania because they “believe more affordable, reliable service is available through other water utilities currently providing services in Lehigh County” and “incorporation into bordering regional water systems will provide additional supply, storage and fire protection.”

To date, the Office of Consumer Advocate hasn’t decided whether to represent the 217 customers who submitted these postcards in their opposition to the sale of their system to Aqua Pennsylvania.

Today’s action by Lehigh County Authority’s Board of Directors serves several purposes. In addition to supporting residents who have asked for an alternative to Aqua Pennsylvania, the Authority’s resolution also protects the Uffs by agreeing to honor the agreement of sale that they have negotiated with Aqua Pennsylvania, thereby allowing them to sell their system for a fair price and retire if that is their intent.

The Authority has also taken this action to reassure the Office of Consumer Advocate that an alternative water supplier is available that will meet the residents’ needs.

Today’s resolution was enacted through a motion by Asa Hughes, seconded by George Beam, and approved unanimously through a vote of the Authority’s Board of Directors.

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MEDIA NOTES

- All statements made in this press release may be attributed to Aurel Arndt, LCA’s general manager.
- LCA is a nonprofit municipal authority serving more than 16,000 water customers in 12 municipalities in Lehigh County. LCA provides municipal wastewater collection services to 10 municipalities in western Lehigh County and individual sewer service to roughly 1,200 customers in four municipalities. More information about LCA’s services is available online at www.lehighcountyauthority.org.