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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING AQUA'S PROPOSED PUC SEWER RATE INCREASE

- This is only a request and the PUC *may or may not* approve their requested rate increase;
- The projected increase amount is not solely because of the purchase of Limerick's sewer system. The PUC notice states it is a rate increase for system repairs and improvements *across all Aqua water and sewer customers*. Aqua only provides public sewer within the Township;
- Limerick sewer rates have not increased since 2014. If the Township had not sold the sewer system in 2018, projections show that rate increases would have been required by the Township for system repairs, higher system operating costs, and sewer capital upgrades;
- Along with the above sewer rate increases, Township Real Estate Tax increases would have been necessary to fund Long-Term Capital Projects related to police, fire, and emergency response services, the expansion of the township park, trails, and open space system, as well as, upgrades to Limerick's roadway infrastructure;
- The combination of increased Township sewer rates and real estate tax projections would have resulted in *higher monthly expenses* than what is proposed with this PUC filing. As a result of the sale of the sewer system to Aqua, Limerick Township has been able to maintain real estate taxes at their current level since 2016, and fund the Township's Capital Projects, while expanding all levels of services to the community;
- Residents and businesses are encouraged to participate in the PUC process, as detailed in the letter;
- Residents and businesses are reminded that they can control their sewer costs through conservation efforts; limiting the use of water in their household, similar to an electric utility bill (where turning off lights can cut down on expenses), limiting the use of water will reduce sewer bills because it is based on gallons per month, as noted in the Aqua PUC letter.

For more information on the sewer sale, please visit the Limerick Township website at www.LimerickPA.org to view a copy of a PowerPoint presentation which outlines the business strategy that guided the Township in bringing forth the positive, long-range benefits detailed in this memo.