



Aqua Pennsylvania Acquires City of Beaver Falls Wastewater System in Beaver County

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Acquisition reflects company's commitment to providing reliable wastewater treatment, environmental stewardship and dedication to communities

BRYN MAWR, Pa.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jul. 22, 2025-- Essential Utilities, Inc. (NYSE: WTRG) announced today its Aqua Pennsylvania subsidiary has finalized a \$37.75 million purchase of the City of Beaver Falls wastewater system in Beaver County, PA. The system serves approximately 3,200 customers in the City of Beaver Falls. The wastewater system also provides bulk transmission and treatment service for approximately 3,800 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU) in seven nearby municipalities including Patterson Township, Patterson Heights Borough, White Township, West Mayfield Borough, Big Beaver Borough, Eastvale Borough and North Sewickley Township.

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) approved the sale on June 18, 2025.

"We are excited to bring customers in Beaver Falls and the surrounding area into the Aqua family," said Essential Utilities Chairman & CEO Christopher Franklin. "The successful completion of this transaction was the result of partnering with local and state officials to find the best solution for customers and taxpayers in Beaver Falls and current customers of Aqua. This is a great example of how regionalization of water systems and wastewater systems can bring long-term benefits to communities."

Aqua Pennsylvania plans to invest \$10 million in infrastructure improvements over the next decade with a focus on safety and plant upgrades. Improvements include:

- Repairing and replacing portions of sewer collection system
- Upgrading the treatment plant headworks and filter tower
- Upgrading the pump station

"These investments will significantly improve operational efficiency and environmental compliance," said Aqua Pennsylvania President Marc Lucca. "Aqua Pennsylvania's top priority is delivery of high quality, continuous service across the Commonwealth. We are excited to serve our new customers in Beaver Falls and surrounding communities in Beaver County."

"The investments Aqua Pennsylvania plans to make at the wastewater treatment plant, coupled with their operational expertise, will ensure dependable service to our community for years to come," said Mayor Dr. Kenya Johns.

Customers' base rates will not change after Aqua Pennsylvania begins operating the system. Any future rate change will be subject to approval by the PUC through a transparent process that allows for public input. Eligible customers seeking assistance with their sewer bills will gain access to Aqua's low-income Customer Assistance Program (CAP) and hardship fund called Aqua Aid. As part of the transition, residents can expect to receive communication from Aqua Pennsylvania outlining service schedules and procedures.

This is the sixth water and wastewater acquisition Essential Utilities, Inc. has completed in the past 18 months, adding 6,700 customers or 12,420 equivalent dwelling units (EDUs).

About Aqua Pennsylvania

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