FORM 3

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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|  | ddress of Reportin | . Date of Event<br>Requiring Stater<br>Month/Day/Yea | ment   | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AQUA AMERICA INC [ WTR ] |   |   |  |                                   |  |   |   |
|--|--------------------|--|--|--|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|
|  |                    |  | 03/02/2004   |  | 4. Relationship of Reporting Pers<br>(Check all applicable)       |   | . ,                                    |                                   | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                 |   |   |
|  |                    |  |  |  | X   | Director Officer (give title below)       | 10% Owner<br>Other (specify<br>below)  |                                   | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     Form filed by One Reporting |   |   |
| (Street) BRYN MAWR   | PA                 | 19010  |  |  |   | Aqua America North                        | hern Oper.                             |                                   | Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                                      |   |   |
| (City)   | (State)            | (Zip)  |  |  |   |   |  |                                   |  |   |   |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned   |                    |  |  |  |   |   |  |                                   |  |   |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)  |                    |  |  |  |   | nt of Securities<br>ally Owned (Instr. 4) | 1                                      |                                   | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)                                    |   |   |
| Common Stock   |                    |  |  |  | 9,703 D   |   |  |                                   |  |   |   |
| COMMON STOCK 401K  |                    |  |  |  |   | 3,722                                     | D                                      |                                   |  |   |   |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                    |  |  |  |   |   |  |                                   |  |   |   |
| , , ,  |                    |  | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |  | 3. Title and Amount of Secur<br>Underlying Derivative Secur<br>4) |   | ity (Instr. Conve                      |                                   | ersion C   | 5.<br>Ownership<br>Form:                    | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|  |                    |  | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date   | ı<br>Title  |   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares | Exerc<br>Price<br>Deriva<br>Secur | of<br>ative  | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 5) |   |

Explanation of Responses:

Barbara Cummings signing for 03/04/2004 Robert Liptak

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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