

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): February 3, 2020

**Essential Utilities, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant Specified in Charter)

Pennsylvania

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-06659

(Commission File Number)

23-1702594

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

762 West Lancaster Avenue  
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

19010-3489

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (610) 527-8000

**AQUA AMERICA, INC.**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, \$.50 par value	WTRG	New York Stock Exchange
6.00% Tangible Equity Units	WTRU	New York Stock Exchange

**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

*Corporate Name Change to Essential Utilities, Inc.*

As previously announced on January 16, 2020, on February 3, 2020, Aqua America, Inc. (the “Company”) changed its name to Essential Utilities, Inc.

The CUSIP number and ticker symbol for its common stock changed as a result of the corporate name change. The new CUSIP for the common stock is 29670G 102 and the new ticker symbol for its common stock is “WTRG”. The CUSIP number for the Company’s 6.00% Tangible Equity Units is 29670G 201 and the ticker symbol will remain the same at WTRU.

Effective February 3, 2020, the Company’s website changed to [www.essential.co](http://www.essential.co).

A copy of the filed Articles of Amendment to the Company’s Articles of Incorporation, as amended, are filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**(d) Exhibits**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1	<a href="#"><u>Articles of Amendment to the registrant’s Articles of Incorporation, as amended, filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and effective February 3, 2020.</u></a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted in inline XBRL)

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**Essential Utilities, Inc.**


By: /s/ Christopher P. Luning  
Christopher P. Luning  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: February 3, 2020

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Entity# : 279757  
Date Filed : 01/30/2020  
Effective Date : 02/03/2020  
Pennsylvania Department of State

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BUREAU OF CORPORATIONS AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

<input type="checkbox"/> Return document by mail to: <u>807 634</u>  Esquire Assist, Ltd. Counter Pick - Up	<b>Articles of Amendment</b> Domestic Corporation DSCB:15-1915/5915 (rev. 7/2015)  TCO200130MC0482
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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
<u>762 Lancaster Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA 19087-0, Montgomery</u>				
(b) Name of Commercial Registered Office Provider				County
<u>c/o:</u>				

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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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

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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:

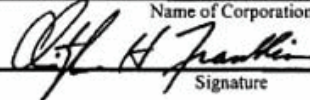
The restated Articles of Incorporation supersede the original articles and all amendments thereto.

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."**