

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K/A

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): September 27, 2018

Aqua America, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its 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

Not Applicable

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.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

This Form 8-K/A is being filed to update the information disclosed on the Form 8-K filed by Aqua America, Inc. (the “Company”) on May 3, 2018. On April 30, 2018, the Company announced that David P. Smeltzer, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer would be retiring in October 2018. On September 27, 2018, the Company announced that Mr. Smeltzer will retire on October 31, 2018, and that Daniel J. Schuller would assume the roles of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer on October 1, 2018.

Mr. Schuller’s annual base salary as Executive Vice President, and Chief Financial Officer will be increased by 7.5%. Mr. Schuller will continue to be eligible to participate in the Company’s Annual Cash Incentive Compensation Plan (the “Cash Plan”). Mr. Schuller’s target annual bonus under the Cash Plan for the annual bonus beginning in plan year 2019 will be 55% of his base salary. Mr. Schuller will continue to be eligible to participate in the Company’s 2009 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan (the “Omnibus Plan”) and his target bonus under the Omnibus Plan beginning for the plan year 2019 will be 90% of his base salary, with two-thirds awarded as performance share units and performance based stock options, and one-third awarded as restricted stock units. The Company and Mr. Schuller entered into a change-in-control agreement in 2015 substantially identical to the form of agreement entered into with other executive officers of the Company and filed with the Company’s SEC filings.

A press release issued by the Company on September 27, 2018, related to Mr. Schuller’s assumption of the roles of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	Form of Change-in-Control Agreement by and between Aqua America, Inc. and each of its executive officers (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on November 16, 2015).
99.1	Press release of Aqua America, issued September 27, 2018.

SIGNATURES

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.

September 28, 2018

AQUA AMERICA, INC.

By: /s/ Christopher P. Luning _____
Name: Christopher P. Luning
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary



For release: Sept. 27, 2018

Contact:

Brian Dingerdissen
Investor Relations
O: 610.645.1191
BJDingerdissen@AquaAmerica.com

Stacey Hajdak
Marketing and Communications
O: 610.520.6309
M: 267.294.1866
SMHajdak@AquaAmerica.com

Dan Schuller to assume role as Aqua America chief financial officer Oct. 1

BRYN MAWR, Pa. – Aqua America Inc. (NYSE: WTR) announced today that Daniel Schuller will assume the role of chief financial officer for the company effective Oct. 1, 2018. Schuller succeeds David Smeltzer, CFO since 1999, who last spring announced plans to retire after a 32-year career with Aqua. Smeltzer will remain employed at the company through his Oct. 31 retirement date to ensure a smooth transition.

Since June of this year, Schuller has been serving as deputy CFO and has been working closely with Smeltzer on knowledge transfer to ensure a seamless changeover. Schuller previously served as Aqua’s executive vice president of strategy and corporate development. In his new role, he will be responsible for all financial operations, including accounting, SEC reporting, financial planning and analysis, tax and treasury.

According to Aqua’s Chairman and CEO Christopher Franklin, the transition marks a crucial and successful milestone in Aqua’s leadership succession plans announced in April.

“Dan brings extensive financial, operational and strategic experience to the CFO role, and he has played a critical role in shaping Aqua’s strategy and growth initiatives during his tenure,” said Franklin. “I have no doubt Dan will be an integral asset to Aqua as we continue our mission of protecting and providing Earth’s most essential resource for our customers and communities, extend our tradition of disciplined expense management and prudent capital investment, and enter our next phase of growth.”

In Schuller’s previous role, which he held since joining the company in 2015, he led the development and execution of Aqua’s strategic initiatives, with an emphasis on growth. Prior to joining Aqua, Schuller spent eight years primarily focused on utilities within J.P. Morgan Asset Management’s infrastructure investments group.

“I am honored to step into this new leadership position and look forward to building on Aqua’s success as an industry leader,” Schuller said. “I am grateful to Dave for his friendship and his many years of dedicated service to our company and our customers. I appreciate his guidance and support during the transition period, and I wish Dave all the best in his retirement. Furthermore, I’m thankful to Chris and our board for their confidence in me.”

Schuller is a graduate of Purdue University where he earned a bachelor of science, master of science and doctorate in civil engineering.

Succeeding Schuller in his former strategy role is Matt Rhodes, who joined the company in June of this year after spending 11 years within the Investment Banking Division at Goldman Sachs. There, he was a managing director with lead coverage responsibility for over 25 regulated electric and gas utility clients.

Aqua America is one of the largest U.S.-based, publicly traded water utilities and serves nearly 3 million people in Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina, Illinois, Texas, New Jersey, Indiana and Virginia. Aqua America is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol WTR. Visit AquaAmerica.com for more information.

###
