

Via E-Filing and E-mail

March 29, 2022

Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary New York State Public Service Commission Empire State Plaza Agency Building 3 Albany, NY 12223-1350

## Re: Corporate Name Change of SUEZ Water New York Inc.

Dear Secretary Phillips:

On December 16, 2021, the New York State Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued its Order Adopting Joint Proposal in Case 21-W-0338, which approved Veolia Environment S.A.'s ("Veolia") acquisition of Suez S.A. ("SUEZ"), the corporate parent of SUEZ Water New York, Inc. ("SWNY").<sup>1</sup> The transaction between Veolia and SUEZ was considered complete as of Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Thereafter, on March 10, 2022, Veolia and SUEZ received antitrust clearance for the transaction from the United Kingdom's Competition and Markets Authority clearing the way for Veolia and SUEZ to commence the integration of the Veolia North America and the SUEZ North America ("SNA") businesses, including SWNY. As part of that integration, there will be a rebranding of the SNA businesses to the 'Veolia' brand.

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Commission that the name change set out below became effective on March 29, 2022:

## COMPANY NAME

NEW COMPANY NAME

SUEZ Water New York Inc.

Veolia Water New York, Inc.

Corresponding changes to bills, signage, vehicles and uniforms will commence in the coming months. Customers are currently being notifyied through a bill insert of the completion of the merger. In addition, Veolia Water New York, Inc. ("VWNY") will notify its customers of the name change through an outreach program beginning in early May, which will employ digital and print advertising, bill inserts, website and social media postings, and outdoor advertising. The name change will have no impact on VWNY's customers, who will continue to receive water service under the same rates, terms and conditions as are currently in effect.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>Case 21-W-0338 – Verified Joint Petition of Veolia Environnement S.A., Veolia North America, Inc., SUEZ S.A., and SUEZ Water New York Inc. for Approval Pursuant To Section 89-h of the Public Service Law of the Acquisition of SUEZ S.A. by Veolia Environnement S.A., Order Adopting Joint Proposal (Dec. 16, 2021).</u>



Finally, so that the Commission's records accurately reflect the name change of VWNY, enclosed are copies of various materials filed with, and received from, the New York Secretary of State effectuating the name change. Additionally, enclosed is a copy of the notice regarding the name change that VWNY will place in newspapers in our service areas once a week for four consecutive weeks beginning the week of April 10, 2022. Also enclosed is tariff Adoption Supplement No. 4 and a copy of the draft bill insert that will go to customers.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the name change or any of the attached materials.

Respectfully submitted

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cc: Parties to Cases 17-W-0528, 19-W-0168, 21-W-0338 (via e-mail)

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