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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON DC 20549

## **FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

X QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2013

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Commission File Number 1-6659** 

**AQUA AMERICA, INC.** 

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Pennsylvania (State or other jurisdiction of

23-1702594 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

**Identification No.)** 

762 W. Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania (Address of principal executive offices)

19010-3489 (Zip Code)

(610) 527-8000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

(Former Name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12(b)-2 of the Exchange Act.:

Large accelerated filer x

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer " (do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company " Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes " No x

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer s classes of common stock, as of October 24, 2013: 176,709,658

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# AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

# (UNAUDITED)

	Se	ptember 30, 2013	De	ecember 31, 2012
Assets				
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	\$	5,265,148	\$	5,050,400
Less: accumulated depreciation		1,174,775		1,114,237
Net property, plant and equipment		4,090,373		3,936,163
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents		6,393		5,521
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenues, net		98,303		92,921
Income tax receivable		16,082		16,082
Deferred income taxes		40,385		37,818
Inventory, materials and supplies		12,433		11,757
Prepayments and other current assets		9,353		10,372
Assets of discontinued operations held for sale		28,607		86,423
Total current assets		211,556		260,894
Regulatory assets		637,314		521,264
Deferred charges and other assets, net		50,031		49,852
Investment in joint venture		45,316		38,620
Funds restricted for construction activity		11,626		23,572
Goodwill		27,882		28,152
	\$	5,074,098	\$	4,858,517
Liabilities and Equity				
Aqua America stockholders equity:				
Common stock at \$.50 par value, authorized 300,000,000 shares, issued				
177,880,647 and 175,985,437 in 2013 and 2012	\$	88,940	\$	70,472
Capital in excess of par value		739,062		718,482
Retained earnings		698,689		611,303
Treasury stock, at cost, 1,177,959 and 776,355 shares in 2013 and 2012		(27,074)		(14,668)
Accumulated other comprehensive income		223		115
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Total Aqua America stockholders equity		1,499,840		1,385,704
Noncontrolling interest		197		188

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Total equity		1,500,037		1,385,892
Long-term debt, excluding current portion		1,439,338		1,543,954
· ·		1,439,336		1,343,934
Commitments and contingencies (See Note 13)				
Current liabilities:		01 440		45.000
Current portion of long-term debt		81,449		45,038
Loans payable		109,786		80,383
Accounts payable		41,382		55,506
Accrued interest		20,450		14,026
Accrued taxes		20,458		28,214
Other accrued liabilities		27,392		27,360
Liabilities of discontinued operations held for sale		17,352		23,637
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Total current liabilities		318,269		274,164
Deferred credits and other liabilities:				
Deferred income taxes and investment tax credits		835,003		723,367
Customers advances for construction		71,927		71,595
Regulatory liabilities		284,823		241,363
Other		152,703		157,978
oner		132,703		137,570
Total deferred credits and other liabilities		1,344,456		1,194,303
Contributions in aid of construction		471,998		460,204
	\$	5,074,098	\$	4,858,517
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See notes to consolidated financial statements beginning on page 9 of this report.

# AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF NET INCOME

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

# (UNAUDITED)

		nths Ended nber 30,
	2013	2012
Operating revenues	\$ 580,035	\$ 570,279
Operating expenses:		
Operations and maintenance	211,234	199,664
Depreciation	88,971	82,736
Amortization	3,903	3,773
Taxes other than income taxes	40,321	34,700
	344,429	320,873
Operating income	235,606	249,406
Other expense (income):	200,000	219,100
Interest expense, net	57,834	58,384
Allowance for funds used during construction	(1,468)	
Gain on sale of other assets	(121)	
Equity loss (earnings) in joint venture	1,732	(931)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	177,629	196,263
Provision for income taxes	19,366	77,310
Income from continuing energtions	158,263	118,953
Income from continuing operations  Discontinued operations:	136,203	110,933
Income from discontinued operations before income taxes	8,524	18,813
Provision for income taxes	3,019	7,758
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Income from discontinued operations	5,505	11,055
Net income attributable to common shareholders	\$ 163,768	\$130,008
Income from continuing operations per share:		
Basic	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.68
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Diluted	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.68
Income from discontinued operations per share:		
Basic	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.06

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Diluted	\$	0.03	\$	0.06
Not income per common chere.				
Net income per common share: Basic	\$	0.93	\$	0.75
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Diluted	\$	0.93	\$	0.74
Average common shares outstanding during the period				
Average common shares outstanding during the period:  Basic	1	75,964	17	73,981
Basic	1	73,904	1 /	73,981
Diluted	1	76,732	17	74,688
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$	0.432	\$	0.536
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See notes to consolidated financial statements beginning on page 9 of this report.

# AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF NET INCOME

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

# (UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			
	2013		2012	
Operating revenues	\$ 204,3	345	\$ 214,50	65
Operating expenses:	=0.0	<del>-</del>		<b>CO</b>
Operations and maintenance	72,0		71,20	
Depreciation	30,1		28,2	
Amortization		175	1,32	
Taxes other than income taxes	13,5	537	13,19	91
	116,9	)65	114,03	30
Operating income	87,3	380	100,53	35
Other expense (income):				
Interest expense, net	19,3	350	19,59	97
Allowance for funds used during construction	(4	126)	(9)	19)
Gain on sale of other assets	(1	138)	(32	20)
Equity earnings in joint venture		(78)	(68	82)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	68,6	572	82,83	59
Provision for income taxes	5,1	188	32,5	75
Income from continuing operations	63,4	184	50,28	84
Discontinued operations:				
Income from discontinued operations before income taxes	1	193		19
Provision for income taxes		60	44	44
Income from discontinued operations	1	133	3′	75
Net income attributable to common shareholders	\$ 63,6	517	\$ 50,65	59
Income from continuing operations per share:				
Basic	\$ 0	.36	\$ 0.2	29
Diluted	\$ 0	.36	\$ 0.2	29
Income from discontinued operations per share:	<b>.</b>			
Basic	\$ 0	.00	\$ 0.0	00

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Diluted	\$	0.00	\$	0.00
Net income per common share:				
Basic	\$	0.36	\$	0.29
Diluted	\$	0.36	\$	0.29
Average common shares outstanding during the period:				
Basic	1	76,483	1	74,596
Diluted	1′	77,575	1′	75,608
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$		\$	0.272

See notes to consolidated financial statements beginning on page 9 of this report.

## AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(In thousands of dollars)

(UNAUDITED)

			Three I	Months
	Nine Mon	ths Ended	End	ded
	Septem	ber 30,	Septem	ber 30,
	2013 2012		2013	2012
Net income attributable to common shareholders	\$ 163,768	\$ 130,008	\$63,617	\$ 50,659
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:				
Unrealized holding gain on investments, net of tax of \$9 and \$73				
for the nine months and \$32 and \$22 for the three months ended,				
September 30, respectively	18	139	60	42
Reclassification adjustment for loss (gain) reported in net income,				
net of tax (benefit) of \$(49) and \$172 for the nine months and \$82				
for the three months ended, September 30, respectively (1) (2)	90	(319)		(153)
Comprehensive income	\$ 163,876	\$ 129,828	\$63,677	\$ 50,548

- (1) Amount of pre-tax loss (gain) of \$139 and \$(491) reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income to loss (gain) on sale of other assets on the consolidated statements of net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively.
- (2) Amount of pre-tax gain of \$(235) reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income to gain on sale of other assets on the consolidated statements of net income for the three months ended September 30, 2012. See notes to consolidated financial statements beginning on page 9 of this report.

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# AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CAPITALIZATION

(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

# (UNAUDITED)

		September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Aqua America stockholders equity:			
Common stock, \$.50 par value		\$ 88,940	\$ 70,472
Capital in excess of par value		739,062	718,482
Retained earnings		698,689	611,303
Treasury stock, at cost		(27,074)	(14,668)
Accumulated other comprehensive income		223	115
Total Aqua America stockholders equity		1,499,840	1,385,704
Noncontrolling interest		197	188
Total equity		1,500,037	1,385,892
Long-term debt: Long-term debt of subsidiaries (substantially secured by utility plant):			
Interest Data Day as	Maturity Data Dance		
Interest Rate Range 0.00% to 0.99%	Maturity Date Range 2023 to 2031	1.576	2 004
0.00% to 0.99% 1.00% to 1.99%	2014 to 2035	4,576 29,485	2,884 27,251
2.00% to 2.99%	2014 to 2033 2024 to 2031	15,825	17,120
3.00% to 3.99%	2016 to 2047	141,195	107,477
4.00% to 4.99%	2010 to 2047 2020 to 2048	397,499	367,657
4.00% to 4.99%	2014 to 2043	309,488	320,729
6.00% to 6.99%	2014 to 2045 2015 to 2036	64,918	64,903
7.00% to 7.99%	2022 to 2027	35,211	35,660
8.00% to 8.99%	2022 to 2027 2021 to 2025	19,371	19,632
9.00% to 9.99%	2013 to 2026	28,687	34,547
10.40%	2013 to 2020	6,000	6,000
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		1,052,255	1,003,860
Notes payable to bank under revolving credit agreement, variable rate, due March 2017		5,000	100,000
Unsecured notes payable:			
Notes at 3.57% due 2027		50,000	50,000
Notes ranging from 4.62% to 4.87%, due 2014 through 2024		171,400	193,000
Notes ranging from 5.01% to 5.95%, due 2015 through 2037		242,132	242,132

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	1,520,787	1,588,992
Current portion of long-term debt	81,449	45,038
Long-term debt, excluding current portion	1,439,338	1,543,954
Total capitalization	\$ 2,939,375	\$ 2,929,846

See notes to consolidated financial statements beginning on page 9 of this report.

# AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITY

(In thousands of dollars)

(UNAUDITED)

	Accumulated								
		Capital in		Other					
	Common	Excess of	Retained	TreasuryCo	omprel	hensN	ænco	ntrollin	ıg
		Par							
	Stock	Value	Earnings	Stock	Inco	me	Int	erest	Total
Balance At December 31,									
2012	\$ 70,472	\$718,482	\$611,303	\$ (14,668)	\$	115	\$	188	\$1,385,892
Net income			163,768					9	163,777
Other comprehensive									
income, net of income tax of									
\$58						108			108
Dividends paid			(76,028)						(76,028)
Stock split	17,655	(17,655)							
Sale of stock (449,129									
shares)	188	9,881		409					10,478
Repurchase of stock									
(414,869 shares)				(12,815)					(12,815)
Equity compensation plan									, ,
(43,500 shares)	17	(17)							
Exercise of stock options		,							
(1,517,804 shares)	608	24,333							24,941
Stock-based compensation		4,038	(354)						3,684
Balance At September 30,									
2013	\$ 88,940	\$ 739,062	\$ 698,689	\$ (27,074)	\$	223	\$	197	\$1,500,037

See notes to consolidated financial statements beginning on page 9 of this report.

# AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW

(In thousands of dollars)

# (UNAUDITED)

	Nine Mont September 2013	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 163,768	\$ 130,008
Income from discontinued operations	5,505	11,055
Income from continuing operations	158,263	118,953
Adjustments to reconcile income from continuing operations to net cash flows from		
operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	92,874	86,509
Deferred income taxes	19,895	59,498
Provision for doubtful accounts	3,338	3,072
Stock-based compensation	4,043	4,020
Gain on sale of utility system	(1,025)	
Gain on sale of other assets	(121)	(826)
Net increase in receivables, inventory and prepayments	(2,786)	(18,254)
Net increase in payables, accrued interest, accrued taxes and other accrued liabilities	2,353	25,896
Other	2,293	(2,649)
Operating each flows from continuing operations	279,127	276,219
Operating each flows from continuing operations	471	·
Operating cash flows from (used in) discontinued operations, net	4/1	(10,005)
Net cash flows from operating activities	279,598	266,214
Cash flows from investing activities:  Property, plant and equipment additions, including allowance for funds used during		
construction of \$1,468 and \$3,484	(216,062)	(262,832)
Acquisitions of utility systems and other, net	(14,404)	(116,050)
Additions to funds restricted for construction activity	(6)	(2,086)
Release of funds previously restricted for construction activity	11,952	55,416
Net proceeds from the sale of utility system and other assets	3,187	3,766
Investment in joint venture	(9,800)	(19,156)
Other	(439)	(1,701)
O LIFE	(137)	(1,701)
Investing cash flows used in continuing operations	(225,572)	(342,643)
Investing cash flows from discontinued operations, net	51,076	74,009
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Net cash flows used in investing activities	(174,496)	(268,634)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Customers advances and contributions in aid of construction	3,529	5,742
Repayments of customers advances	(2,020)	(3,840)
Net proceeds (repayments) of short-term debt	29,403	(10,121)
Proceeds from long-term debt	188,321	179,166
Repayments of long-term debt	(258,295)	(109,265)
Change in cash overdraft position	(11,881)	(14,108)
Proceeds from issuing common stock	10,478	9,732
Proceeds from exercised stock options	24,941	12,733
Stock-based compensation windfall tax benefits		603
Repurchase of common stock	(12,815)	(1,464)
Dividends paid on common stock	(76,028)	(68,932)
Financing cash flows (used in) from continuing operations	(104,367)	246
Financing cash flows from discontinued operations, net	137	92
Net cash flows (used in) from financing activities	(104,230)	338
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	872	(2,082)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	5,521	8,204
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 6,393	\$ 6,122

See notes to consolidated financial statements beginning on page 9 of this report.

## AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

(UNAUDITED)

## Note 1 Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated balance sheets and statements of capitalization of Aqua America, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company ) at September 30, 2013, the consolidated statements of net income and comprehensive income for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 the consolidated statements of cash flow for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 and the consolidated statement of equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 are unaudited, but reflect all adjustments, consisting of only normal recurring accruals, which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to present fairly the consolidated financial position, the consolidated changes in equity, the consolidated results of operations, and the consolidated cash flow for the periods presented. Because they cover interim periods, the statements and related notes to the financial statements do not include all disclosures and notes normally provided in annual financial statements and, therefore, should be read in conjunction with the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. The results of operations for interim periods may not be indicative of the results that may be expected for the entire year. The December 31, 2012 consolidated balance sheet data presented herein was derived from the Company s December 31, 2012 audited consolidated financial statements, but does not include all disclosures and notes normally provided in annual financial statements. All common share, per common share, stock unit, and per stock unit data, for all periods presented, has been adjusted to give effect to the September 1, 2013 five-for-four stock split effected in the form of a 25% stock distribution (see Note 5).

Note 2 <u>Goodwill</u>
The following table summarizes the changes in the Company s goodwill, by business segment:

	Regulated			
	Segment	Other	Cor	nsolidated
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$ 24,031	\$4,121	\$	28,152
Reclassifications to utility plant acquisition adjustment	(270)			(270)
Balance At September 30, 2013	\$ 23,761	\$4,121	\$	27,882

The reclassification of goodwill to utility plant acquisition adjustment in the table above results from a mechanism approved by the applicable public utility commission. The mechanism provides for the transfer over time, and the recovery through customer rates, of goodwill associated with certain acquisitions upon achieving certain objectives.

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## AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

(UNAUDITED)

As of July 31, 2013, management performed its annual test of goodwill for impairment, in conjunction with the preparation of the Company s annual five-year financial plan. Based on the Company s comparison of the estimated fair value of its reporting units to their respective carrying amounts, management concluded that the estimated fair value of each reporting unit, which has goodwill recorded, exceeded the reporting unit s carrying amount by an amount in excess of 10%.

## Note 3 Acquisitions

In March 2013, the Company acquired the water and wastewater system assets of Total Environmental Solutions, Inc. located in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania serving approximately 4,200 customers. The total purchase price consisted of \$10,350 in cash.

In May 2012, the Company purchased all of the stock of the subsidiary that holds American Water Works Company, Inc. s regulated water and wastewater operations in Ohio serving approximately 59,000 customers. The total purchase price consisted of \$102,154 in cash plus certain assumed liabilities, including debt of \$14,281.

## Note 4 <u>Discontinued Operations and Other Disposition</u>

Discontinued Operations In September 2012, the Company began to market for sale its water and wastewater operations in Florida, which served approximately 38,000 customers, and the Company s wastewater treatment facility in Georgia. In December 2012, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to sell 80 of its water and wastewater systems in Florida to the Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA). These 80 systems represented approximately 56% of our customers served in Florida. In March 2013, the Company completed its sale to FGUA. In addition, in March 2013, the Company sold 15 of its Florida water and wastewater systems representing approximately 9% of our customers served in Florida in separate transactions with separate buyers. Further, in April 2013, the Company sold its water and wastewater systems in DeSoto County, Florida to DeSoto County representing approximately 2% of our customers served in Florida. The Company received total net proceeds from these sales of \$52,276, and recognized a gain on sale of \$5,469 (\$3,555 after-tax). Lastly, in June 2013, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to sell its water and wastewater systems in Sarasota, Florida to Sarasota County for cash at closing of \$36,800, which is subject to certain adjustments. In July 2013, the Company received a threat of a legal challenge to this transaction that may have delayed or ultimately terminated this transaction; however, in September 2013, the Company reached a settlement of the matter, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions at settlement. The Company believes it will be able to complete the sale of these assets at either the end of 2013 or during the first quarter of 2014, which will conclude the Company s operations in Florida. The Company has accounted for its Sarasota, Florida operations and its wastewater treatment facility in Georgia as businesses held for sale, and the sale of the Company s wastewater treatment facility in Georgia will conclude the Company s operations in this state.

## AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

(UNAUDITED)

In July 2011, the Company entered into a definitive agreement with Connecticut Water Service, Inc. to sell its operations in Maine, which served approximately 16,000 customers, for cash at closing plus certain assumed liabilities, including debt of \$17,364. On January 1, 2012, the Company completed the sale for net proceeds of \$36,870, and recognized a gain on sale of \$17,699 (\$10,821 after-tax).

In July 2011, the Company entered into a definitive agreement with American Water Works Company, Inc. to sell its operations in New York for its book value at closing plus certain assumed liabilities, including debt of approximately \$23,000. On May 1, 2012, the Company completed the sale for net proceeds of \$36,688 in cash as adjusted pursuant to the sale agreement based on book value at closing. During the second quarter of 2012, the Company recognized a loss on sale of \$2,736 (\$1,874 after-tax), resulting from charges incurred from the sale. The Company s New York operations served approximately 51,000 customers. In conjunction with the sale of our New York operations, we acquired additional utility systems (and approximately 59,000 customers) in Ohio, one of the larger states in Aqua America s portfolio.

The operating results, cash flows, and financial position of the Company s operations named above, during the periods owned, have been presented in the Company s consolidated statements of net income, consolidated statements of cash flow, and consolidated balance sheets as discontinued operations. These operations were included in the Company s Regulated segment.

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# AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

(UNAUDITED)

A summary of discontinued operations presented in the consolidated statements of net income include the following:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Three Mor	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Operating revenues	\$ 10,496	\$ 25,308	\$ 2,078	\$ 5,934
Total operating expenses	7,440	20,212	1,884	4,206
Operating income	3,056	5,096	194	1,728
Other (income) expense:				
Gain on sale	(5,469)	(14,718)		
Other, net	1	1,001	1	909
Income from discontinued operations before income taxes	8,524	18,813	193	819
Provision for income taxes	3,019	7,758	60	444
Income from discontinued operations	\$ 5,505	\$ 11,055	\$ 133	\$ 375

## AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

(UNAUDITED)

The assets and liabilities of discontinued operations presented in the consolidated balance sheets include the following:

	September 30, 2013		Dec	ember 31, 2012
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	\$	46,933	\$	128,463
Less: accumulated depreciation		19,891		48,856
Net property, plant and equipment		27,042		79,607
Current assets		1,429		4,656
Regulatory assets		136		2,034
Other assets				126
Assets of discontinued operations held for sale		28,607		86,423
Current liabilities		6,574		2,074
Deferred income taxes and investment tax credits		2,443		5,166
Contributions in aid of construction		7,506		15,560
Other liabilities		829		837
Liabilities of discontinued operations held for sale		17,352		23,637
Net assets	\$	11,255	\$	62,786

Other Dispositions In June 2013, the Company sold a water and wastewater utility system for net proceeds of \$3,400. The sale resulted in the recognition of a gain on sale of these assets, net of expenses, of \$1,025. The utility system represented approximately 0.04% of the Company s total assets. This disposition has not been presented as discontinued operations in the Company s consolidated financial statements as the Company does not believe that disclosure of this disposed water and wastewater utility system as discontinued operations is meaningful to the reader of the financial statements for making investment decisions, either individually or in the aggregate. The gain is reported in the consolidated statements of net income as a reduction to operations and maintenance expense.

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The City of Fort Wayne, Indiana (the City ) has authorized the acquisition by eminent domain of the northern portion of the utility system of one of the Company s operating subsidiaries in Indiana (the Northern Assets ). In January 2008, the Company reached a settlement with the City to transition the Northern Assets in February 2008 upon receipt of the City s initial valuation payment of \$16.911. The settlement agreement specifically stated that the final valuation of the Northern Assets will be determined through a continuation of the legal proceedings that were filed challenging the City s valuation. On February 12, 2008, the Company turned over the Northern Assets to the City upon receipt of the initial valuation payment. The proceeds received by the Company are in excess of the book value of the assets relinquished. No gain has been recognized due to the contingency over the final valuation of the assets. The net book value of the Northern Assets has been removed from the consolidated balance sheet and the difference between the net book value and the initial payment received has been deferred and is recorded in other accrued liabilities on the Company s consolidated balance sheet. Once the contingency is resolved and the asset valuation is finalized, through the finalization of the litigation between the Company and the City of Fort Wayne, the amounts deferred will be recognized in the Company s consolidated statement of net income. On March 16, 2009, oral argument was held on certain procedural aspects with respect to the valuation evidence that may be presented and whether the Company is entitled to a jury trial. On October 12, 2010, the Wells County Indiana Circuit Court ruled that the Company is not entitled to a jury trial, and that the Wells County judge should review the City of Fort Wayne Board of Public Works assessment based upon a capricious, arbitrary or an abuse of discretion standard. The Company disagreed with the Court s decision and appealed the Wells County Indiana Circuit Court s decision to the Indiana Court of Appeals. On January 13, 2012, the Indiana Court of Appeals reached a decision upholding the Wells County Indiana Circuit Court decision. On February 10, 2012, the Company filed a petition for transfer requesting that the Indiana Supreme Court review the matter. On April 11, 2013, the Supreme Court of Indiana ruled that the statute at issue gives the Company the right to a full evidentiary hearing before a jury regarding the value of the assets and remanded the case to the trial court for a proceeding consistent with that ruling. The Company continues to evaluate its legal options with respect to this decision. Depending upon the outcome of all of the legal proceedings, including the planned transaction below, which would resolve this litigation, the Company may be required to refund a portion of the initial valuation payment, or may receive additional proceeds. The Northern Assets relinquished represents approximately 0.4% of the Company s total assets.

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In addition, in December 2012, the Fort Wayne City Council considered an ordinance that sought to declare it a public convenience and necessity to acquire certain of the Company s water utility system assets located in the southwest section of the City and in Allen County (the Southern Assets ), and if negotiations with Fort Wayne officials were to fail, to condemn the Southern Assets. The first public hearing on the ordinance was held on January 22, 2013 and a subsequent hearing scheduled for February 5, 2013 was not held due to ongoing settlement discussions between the parties. On July 2, 2013, the Company s operating subsidiary and the City signed a letter of intent, which among other items, addresses many of the terms by which the City would purchase the Company s Southern Assets, will resolve the litigation between the Company and the City with respect to the Northern Assets, and will establish the terms by which the Company s operating subsidiary will treat wastewater sent to it by the City. The letter of intent states that the City agrees to pay the Company \$50,100 for the Northern Assets and Southern Assets in addition to the \$16,911 paid to the Company by the City in 2008 as an initial valuation payment for the Northern Assets (for a total payment of \$67,011). The letter of intent is conditioned on the Company s Board of Directors and City Council approving the final terms of the possible transaction, and the Company and the City entering into several definitive agreements that cover the subject matter of the letter of intent. Further, the completion of the transaction is subject to regulatory requirements and approval. If this transaction is consummated, the Company will expand its sewer customer base in the City. The completion of the transaction is not expected to close until the third quarter of 2014. The Company continues to evaluate its legal and operational options on an ongoing basis.

#### Note 5 <u>Capitalization</u>

In October 2013, the Company s operating subsidiary, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., issued \$75,000 of first mortgage bonds, of which \$25,000 is due in 2031, \$25,000 in 2045, and \$25,000 in 2046 with interest rates of 3.94%, 4.61%, and 4.62%, respectively. The proceeds from these bonds were used to repay existing indebtedness and for general corporate purposes.

In October 2013, the Company s Board of Directors approved a resolution authorizing the Company to purchase, from time to time, up to 685,348 shares of its common stock in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions. This authorization renewed the number of shares that had remained, when affected for stock splits, from an existing share buy-back authorization from 1997. The specific timing, amount and other terms of repurchases will depend on market conditions, regulatory requirements and other factors.

In May 2013, the Company s operating subsidiary, Aqua Ohio, Inc., issued \$85,000 of first mortgage bonds, of which \$35,000 is due in 2033, \$30,000 in 2044, and \$20,000 in 2048 with interest rates of 3.75%, 4.18%, and 4.43%, respectively. The proceeds from these bonds were used to repay existing indebtedness and for general corporate purposes.

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In May 2013, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a five-for-four stock split to be effected in the form of a 25% stock distribution to shareholders of record on August 16, 2013. Common shares outstanding do not include shares held by the Company in treasury. The new shares were distributed on September 1, 2013. Aqua America s par value of \$0.50 per share did not change as a result of the common stock distribution, and \$17,655 was transferred from capital in excess of par value to common stock to record the stock split. All common share, per common share, stock unit, and per stock unit data, for all periods presented, has been adjusted to give effect to the stock split.

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## Note 6 Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company follows the Financial Accounting Standards Board s (FASB) accounting guidance for fair value measurements and disclosures, which defines fair value and establishes a framework for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1: unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access;

Level 2: inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted market prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in non-active markets, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities; or

Level 3: inputs that are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset s or liability s fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There have been no changes in the valuation techniques used to measure fair value or asset or liability transfers between the levels of the fair value hierarchy for the quarter ended September 30, 2013.

Financial instruments are recorded at carrying value in the financial statements and approximate fair value as of the dates presented. The fair value of these instruments is disclosed below in accordance with current accounting guidance related to financial instruments.

The fair value of funds restricted for construction activity and loans payable are determined based on their carrying amount and utilizing Level 1 methods and assumptions. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the carrying amount of the Company s funds restricted for construction activity was \$11,626 and \$23,572, respectively, which equates to their estimated fair value. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the carrying amount of the Company s loans payable was \$109,786 and \$80,383, respectively, which equates to their estimated fair value. The fair value of cash and cash equivalents, which is comprised of a money market fund, is determined based on the net asset value per unit utilizing Level 2 methods and assumptions. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012,

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the carrying amounts of the Company s cash and cash equivalents was \$6,393 and \$5,521, respectively, which equates to their fair value.

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The carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company s long-term debt is as follows:

	September 30,	December 31,		
	2013	2012		
Carrying Amount	\$ 1,520,787	\$ 1,588,992		
Estimated Fair Value	1,530,187	1,702,997		

The fair value of long-term debt has been determined by discounting the future cash flows using current market interest rates for similar financial instruments of the same duration utilizing Level 2 methods and assumptions. The Company s customers advances for construction have a carrying value of \$71,927 as of September 30, 2013, and \$71,595 as of December 31, 2012. Their relative fair values cannot be accurately estimated because future refund payments depend on several variables, including new customer connections, customer consumption levels, and future rate increases. Portions of these non-interest bearing instruments are payable annually through 2028 and amounts not paid by the respective contract expiration dates become non-refundable. The fair value of these amounts would, however, be less than their carrying value due to the non-interest bearing feature.

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## Note 7 Net Income per Common Share

Basic net income per common share is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted net income per common share is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding and potentially dilutive shares. The dilutive effect of employee stock-based compensation is included in the computation of diluted net income per common share. The dilutive effect of stock-based compensation is calculated using the treasury stock method and expected proceeds upon exercise or issuance of the stock-based compensation. The following table summarizes the shares, in thousands, used in computing basic and diluted net income per common share:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Three Mon Septem	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Average common shares outstanding during the period for				
basic computation	175,964	173,981	176,483	174,596
Dilutive effect of employee stock-based compensation	768	707	1,092	1,012
Average common shares outstanding during the period for diluted computation	176,732	174,688	177,575	175,608

For the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013, all of the Company s employee stock options were included in the calculations of diluted net income per share as the calculated cost to exercise the stock options was less than the average market price of the Company s common stock during these periods. For the nine and three months ended September 30, 2012, employee stock options to purchase 534,940 shares of common stock, were excluded from the calculations of diluted net income per share as the calculated cost to exercise the stock options was greater than the average market price of the Company s common stock during these periods.

#### Note 8 Stock-based Compensation

Under the Company s 2009 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan (the 2009 Plan ), as approved by the Company s shareholders to replace the 2004 Equity Compensation Plan (the 2004 Plan ), stock options, stock units, stock awards, stock appreciation rights, dividend equivalents, and other stock-based awards may be granted to employees, non-employee directors, and consultants and advisors. The 2009 Plan authorizes 6,250,000 shares for issuance under the plan. A maximum of 50% of the shares available for issuance under the 2009 Plan may be issued pursuant to stock awards, stock units and other stock-based awards and the maximum number of shares that may be subject to grants under the Plan to any one individual in any one year is 250,000. Awards under the 2009 Plan are made by a committee of the Board of Directors. At September 30, 2013, 4,647,025 shares underlying stock-based compensation awards

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were still available for grants under the 2009 Plan. No further grants may be made under the 2004 Plan.

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**Performance Share Units** A performance share unit (PSU) represents the right to receive a share of the Company s common stock if specified performance goals are met over the three year performance period specified in the grant, subject to certain exceptions through the respective vesting period, which range from two to three years. Each grantee is granted a target award of PSUs, and may earn between 0% and 200% of the target amount depending on the Company s performance against the performance goals. The following table provides compensation costs for stock-based compensation related to performance share units:

	Nine Months Ended		Three Mont	hs Ended		
	September 30,		September 30,		Septemb	er 30,
	2013 2012		2013	2012		
Stock-based compensation for performance share units						
within operations and maintenance expenses	\$ 2,723	\$ 1,613	\$ 1,044	\$ 571		

The following table summarizes nonvested PSU transactions for the nine months ended September 30, 2013:

	Number of Share Units	A	eighted verage r Value
Nonvested share units at beginning of period	414,168	\$	18.82
Granted	166,641		26.88
Performance criteria adjustment	14,098		19.77
Forfeited	(15,061)		26.22
Vested	(18,000)		19.51
Share unit awards issued			
Nonvested share units at end of period	561,846	\$	21.01

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A portion of the fair value of PSUs was estimated at the grant date based on the probability of satisfying the market-based conditions associated with the PSUs using the Monte Carlo valuation method. The other portion of the fair value of the PSUs is based on the fair market value of the Company s stock at the grant date, regardless of whether the market-based condition is satisfied. The per unit weighted-average fair value at the date of grant for PSUs granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 was \$26.88 and \$19.11, respectively. The fair value of each PSU grant is amortized monthly into compensation expense on a straight-line basis over their respective vesting periods, which range from 24 to 36 months. The accrual of compensation costs is based on our estimate of the final expected value of the award, and is adjusted as required for the portion based on the performance-based condition. The Company assumes that forfeitures will be minimal, and recognizes forfeitures as they occur, which results in a reduction in compensation expense. As the payout of the PSUs includes dividend equivalents, no dividend yield assumption is required in calculating the fair value of the PSUs. The recording of compensation expense for PSUs has no impact on net cash flows.

**Restricted Stock Units** A restricted stock unit (RSU) represents the right to receive a share of the Company s common stock. RSUs are eligible to be earned at the end of a specified restricted period, generally three years, beginning on the date of grant. In some cases the right to receive the shares is subject to certain performance goals established at the time the grant is made. The Company assumes that forfeitures will be minimal, and recognizes forfeitures as they occur, which results in a reduction in compensation expense. The following table provides compensation costs for stock-based compensation related to restricted stock units:

	Nine Months Ended		Three Mor	nths Ended
	September 30,		0, September	
	2013 2012		2013	2012
Stock-based compensation for restricted stock units within				
operations and maintenance expenses	\$ 612	\$ 468	\$ 214	\$ 167

The following table summarizes nonvested RSU transactions for the nine months ended September 30, 2013:

	Number of Stock Units	Weighted Average Fair Value
Nonvested stock units at beginning of period	85,597	\$ 17.89
Granted	48,133	23.28
Vested	(19,500)	17.83
Forfeited	(1,564)	20.78

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Nonvested stock units at end of period

112,666

\$ 20.16

The per unit weighted-average fair value at the date of grant for RSUs granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 was \$23.28 and \$17.99, respectively.

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**Stock Options** The fair value of stock options is estimated at the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The following table provides compensation costs for stock-based compensation related to stock options granted in prior periods:

	Nine Months Ended		Three Mo	nths Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,		
	2013 2012		2013	2012	
Stock-based compensation for stock options within operations					
and maintenance expenses	\$	30	\$ 487	\$	\$ 122
Income tax benefit		433	492	110	220

There were no stock options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 or 2012.

The following table summarizes stock option transactions for the nine months ended September 30, 2013:

	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Life (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at beginning of period	3,121,378	\$ 16.65	Ť	
Granted				
Forfeited				
Expired	(17,189)	22.84		
Exercised	(1,517,804)	16.44		
Outstanding and exercisable at end of period	1,586,385	\$ 16.79	3.9	\$ 12,600

**Restricted Stock** The following table provides compensation costs for stock-based compensation related to restricted stock:

Nine Months Ended
September 30,
2013
September 30,
2012
September 30,
2013
2012

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Stock-based compensation for restricted stock within				
operations and maintenance expenses	\$ 678	\$ 1,444	\$ 92	\$ 312

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The following table summarizes nonvested restricted stock transactions for the nine months ended September 30, 2013:

	Number of		
	Shares	Fai	r Value
Nonvested shares at beginning of period	147,160	\$	15.38
Granted	16,000		25.09
Vested	(100,660)		15.49
Forfeited			
Nonvested shares at end of period	62,500	\$	17.70

The per unit weighted-average fair value at the date of grant for restricted stock granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 was \$25.09 and \$18.47, respectively.

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## Note 9 Pension Plans and Other Postretirement Benefits

The Company maintains qualified defined benefit pension plans, nonqualified pension plans and other postretirement benefit plans for certain of its employees. The net periodic benefit cost is based on estimated values and an extensive use of assumptions about the discount rate, expected return on plan assets, the rate of future compensation increases received by the Company s employees, mortality, turnover, and medical costs. The following tables provide the components of net periodic benefit costs:

	Pension Benefits			
	Nine Mont	hs Ended	Three Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Service cost	\$ 4,101	\$ 3,662	\$ 1,209	\$ 1,258
Interest cost	9,494	9,446	3,164	3,284
Expected return on plan assets	(11,078)	(9,994)	(3,692)	(3,595)
Amortization of prior service cost	171	208	57	69
Amortization of actuarial loss	6,105	4,924	2,073	1,644
Capitalized costs	(3,215)	(2,781)	(1,098)	(998)
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 5,578	\$ 5,465	\$ 1,713	\$ 1,662

	Other Postretirement Benefits			
	Nine Mont	hs Ended	Three Months Ended	
	Septemb	per 30,	Septeml	ber 30,
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Service cost	\$ 1,188	\$ 958	\$ 338	\$ 349
Interest cost	1,956	1,906	622	665
Expected return on plan assets	(1,694)	(1,517)	(574)	(535)
Amortization of transition obligation		9		(9)
Amortization of prior service cost	(221)	(202)	(73)	(98)
Amortization of actuarial loss	1,085	772	395	261
Amortization of regulatory asset		69		1
Capitalized costs	(569)	(508)	(191)	(184)
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 1,745	\$ 1,487	\$ 517	\$ 450

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The Company made cash contributions of \$15,954 to its defined benefit pension plans during the first six months of 2013, which completes the Company s 2013 cash contributions. In addition, the Company expects to make cash contributions of \$2,875 for the funding of its other postretirement benefit plans during the remainder of 2013.

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## Note 10 Water and Wastewater Rates

During the first nine months of 2013, the Company s operating divisions in Texas, Ohio, and Virginia were granted base rate increases designed to increase total operating revenues on an annual basis by \$9,328. Further, during the first nine months of 2013, the Company s operating divisions in New Jersey, Ohio, and Illinois received infrastructure rehabilitation surcharges designed to increase total operating revenues on an annual basis by \$3,027.

In August 2013, the Company s operating subsidiary in North Carolina filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission designed to increase water and wastewater rates by \$8,611, or 19.2%, on an annual basis. The Company anticipates a final order to be issued by April 2014.

In February 2012, two of the Company s operating divisions in Texas began to bill interim rates in accordance with authorization from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the TCEQ). The additional revenue billed and collected prior to the TCEQ s final ruling was subject to refund based on the outcome of the rate case. The rate case concluded with the issuance of an order on June 3, 2013, and no refunds of revenue previously billed and collected were required.

#### Note 11 Taxes Other than Income Taxes

The following table provides the components of taxes other than income taxes:

	Nine Mon	ths Ended	Three Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Property	\$ 19,355	\$ 15,595	\$ 6,357	\$ 6,163
Capital stock	1,600	2,393	488	745
Gross receipts, excise and franchise	8,902	7,222	3,245	3,128
Payroll	5,793	5,239	1,684	1,530
Other	4,671	4,251	1,763	1,625
Total taxes other than income	\$40,321	\$ 34,700	\$ 13,537	\$ 13,191

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## Note 12 Segment Information

The Company has identified twelve operating segments and has one reportable segment named the Regulated segment. The reportable segment is comprised of ten operating segments for the Company s water and wastewater regulated utility companies which are organized by the states where we provide these services. In addition, two segments are not quantitatively significant to be reportable and are comprised of the businesses that provide sludge hauling, septage and grease services, backflow prevention services, certain other non-regulated water and wastewater services, and non-utility raw water supply services for certain firms in the natural gas and oil drilling industry. These segments are included as a component of Other in the tables below. Also included in Other are corporate costs that have not been allocated to the Regulated segment and intersegment eliminations.

The following table presents the Company s segment information for its continuing operations:

	Three Months Ended		Three Months Ended			
	Sep	otember 30,	2013	September 30, 2012		
	Regulated	Other	Consolidated	Regulated	Other	Consolidated
Operating revenues	\$ 199,882	\$ 4,463	\$ 204,345	\$ 209,674	\$ 4,891	\$ 214,565
Operations and maintenance expense	68,470	3,595	72,065	68,351	2,917	71,268
Depreciation	30,081	107	30,188	28,764	(513)	28,251
Operating income	87,117	263	87,380	98,503	2,032	100,535
Interest expense, net of AFUDC	17,450	1,474	18,924	16,915	1,763	18,678
Income tax expense (benefit)	5,740	(552)	5,188	32,682	(107)	32,575
Income (loss) from continuing						
operations	64,010	(526)	63,484	48,971	1,313	50,284

	Nine Months Ended		Nine Months Ended			
	September 30, 2013		September 30, 2012			
	Regulated	Other	Consolidated	Regulated	Other	Consolidated
Operating revenues	\$ 567,255	\$12,780	\$ 580,035	\$ 556,847	\$13,432	\$ 570,279
Operations and maintenance expense	202,909	8,325	211,234	190,276	9,388	199,664
Depreciation	89,200	(229)	88,971	83,772	(1,036)	82,736
Operating income	232,771	2,835	235,606	245,871	3,535	249,406
Interest expense, net of AFUDC	51,746	4,620	56,366	50,401	4,499	54,900
Income tax expense (benefit)	21,023	(1,657)	19,366	78,652	(1,342)	77,310
Income (loss) from continuing						
operations	160,167	(1,904)	158,263	117,133	1,820	118,953
Capital expenditures	215,230	832	216,062	262,104	728	262,832

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	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Total assets:		
Regulated	\$ 4,858,111	\$ 4,566,327
Other and eliminations	215,987	292,190
Consolidated	\$ 5,074,098	\$ 4,858,517

## Note 13 Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is routinely involved in various disputes, claims, lawsuits and other regulatory and legal matters, including both asserted and unasserted legal claims, in the ordinary course of business. The status of each such matter, referred to herein as a loss contingency, is reviewed and assessed in accordance with applicable accounting rules regarding the nature of the matter, the likelihood that a loss will be incurred, and the amounts involved. As of September 30, 2013, the aggregate amount of \$12,284 is accrued for loss contingencies and is reported in the Company s consolidated balance sheet as other accrued liabilities and other liabilities. These accruals represent management s best estimate of probable loss (as defined in the accounting guidance) for loss contingencies or the low end of a range of losses if no single probable loss can be estimated. For some loss contingencies, the Company is unable to estimate the amount of the probable loss or range of probable losses. While the final outcome of these loss contingencies cannot be predicted with certainty, and unfavorable outcomes could negatively impact the Company, at this time in the opinion of management, the final resolution of these matters are not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company s financial position, results of operations or cash flows. Further, the Company has insurance coverage for certain of these loss contingencies, and as of September 30, 2013, estimates that approximately \$1,369 of the amount accrued for these matters are probable of recovery through insurance, which amount is also reported in the Company s consolidated balance sheet as deferred charges and other assets, net.

In addition to the aforementioned loss contingencies, the Company self-insures its employee medical benefit program, and maintains stop-loss coverage to limit the exposure arising from these claims. The Company s reserve for these claims totaled \$1,771 at September 30, 2013 and represents a reserve for unpaid claim costs, including an estimate for the cost of incurred but not reported claims.

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## Note 14 Income Taxes

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company's Federal net operating loss carryforward (NOL) increased by \$75,068. In addition, during the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the Company's state NOL carryforward increased by \$161,769. As of September 30, 2013, the balance of the Company's Federal NOL is \$290,653. The Company believes its Federal NOL carryforward is more likely than not to be recovered and requires no valuation allowance. As of September 30, 2013, the balance of the Company's state NOL is \$537,068, a portion of which is offset by a valuation allowance of \$7,715 because the Company does not believe the NOLs are more likely than not to be realized. The Company's Federal and state NOL carryforwards begin to expire 2030 and 2021, respectively. The Company has unrecognized tax positions that result in the associated tax benefit being unrecognized. The Company's Federal and state NOL carryforwards are reduced by an unrecognized tax position, on a gross basis, of \$60,103 and \$84,822, respectively, which results from the Company's adoption in the third quarter of 2013 of the FASB's accounting guidance on the presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit when a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward exists. The amounts of the Company's Federal and state NOL carryforwards prior to being reduced by the unrecognized tax positions are \$350,756 and \$621,890, respectively. The Company records its unrecognized tax benefit as a reduction to its deferred income tax liability.

On June 7, 2012, the Company s Pennsylvania operating subsidiary ( Aqua Pennsylvania ) reached a settlement agreement in its rate filing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, which in addition to a water rate increase, provided for the flow-through accounting treatment of certain income tax benefits should Aqua Pennsylvania change its tax accounting method to permit the expensing of certain utility asset improvement costs that have historically been capitalized and depreciated for book and tax purposes (the Repair Change ). In December 2012, Aqua Pennsylvania implemented the Repair Change, and recognized a tax deduction for 2012 infrastructure investments that were formerly capitalized for tax purposes, and the impact was recorded in the fourth quarter of 2012. During the third quarter of 2013, the Company recorded additional tax deductions for certain qualifying infrastructure improvements in connection with the preparation of its annual tax return filings, which resulted in both additional recognized and unrecognized tax benefits. In addition, the income tax benefits for qualifying capital expenditures made prior to 2012 ( catch-up adjustment ) have been deferred as of December 31, 2012 and, based on the settlement agreement, a ten-year amortization of the income tax benefits began in the first quarter of 2013. In accordance with the settlement agreement, the amortization is expected to reduce income tax expense during periods when certain qualifying parameters are met. As a result of the adoption of the Repair Change, prior to the receipt of Aqua Pennsylvania s next rate order, the Repair Change results in a substantial reduction in income tax expense and greater net income and cash flows. A portion of the additional tax deductions recognized in the third quarter of 2013 relate to a change in the Company s tax method of accounting for certain qualifying utility system repairs in certain other operating divisions. These divisions currently do not employ a flow-through method of accounting and as such the change in the Company s tax method of accounting in these other operating divisions had no impact on the Company s effective income tax rate. The Company s effective income tax rate for the first nine months of 2013 and 2012, for its continuing operations, was 10.9% and 39.4%, respectively, and for the third quarter of 2013 and 2012, for its continuing operations, was 7.6% and 39.3%, respectively.

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In September 2013, the Department of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service issued Guidance Regarding and Capitalization of Expenditures Related to Tangible Property which contains standards for determining whether and when a taxpayer must capitalize costs incurred in acquiring, maintaining or improving tangible property. These regulations will be effective for the Company s 2014 fiscal year and early adoption is available. The Company is currently reviewing the regulations to determine the impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements when they are fully adopted.

The following table provides the changes in the Company s unrecognized tax benefits:

	2013
Balance at June 30,	\$
Increases in current period tax positions	29,510
Balance at September 30,	\$ 29,510

The unrecognized tax benefits relate to the Company s Repair Change, and the tax positions are attributable to temporary differences. As a result of the regulatory treatment afforded the Repair Change in Pennsylvania and despite these positions being temporary differences, as of September 30, 2013, \$9,023 of these tax benefits would have an impact on the Company s effective income tax rate in the event that the Company does sustain all, or a portion, of its tax positions. The Company does not anticipate material changes to its unrecognized tax benefits within the next year.

In April 2013, the Internal Revenue Service completed its examination of tax years 2010 and 2011. The statute of limitations for these tax years remains open until 2014 and 2015, respectively.

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#### Note 15 Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2013, the FASB issued updated accounting guidance on the presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit when a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward exists. The update requires an entity to present in certain cases, an unrecognized tax benefit, or portion of an unrecognized tax benefit in the financial statements as a reduction to a deferred tax asset for a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward when settlement is available in this manner under the tax law. The updated guidance is effective prospectively for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2013, with early adoption permitted. The Company early adopted the provisions of the updated guidance for its quarterly period beginning July 1, 2013, and the adoption of the revised guidance did not have a material impact on the Company s consolidated results of operations or consolidated financial position.

In February 2013, the FASB issued updated accounting guidance to improve the reporting of reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI). The update requires an entity to present information about the amounts reclassified from AOCI in their financial statements in either a single note or parenthetically on the face of the financial statements. The updated guidance is effective prospectively for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2012. The Company adopted the provisions of the updated guidance for its quarterly reporting period beginning January 1, 2013, and the adoption of the updated guidance did not have an impact on the Company s consolidated results of operations or consolidated financial position.

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## MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF

#### FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

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# Item 2. <u>Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u> <u>Forward-looking Statements</u>

This Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and other sections of this Quarterly Report contain, in addition to historical information, forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements address, among other things: our belief in our ability to renew our short-term lines of credit; the impact and the actions we may need to take if we are unable to obtain sufficient capital; the projected impact of various legal proceedings; the projected effects of recent accounting pronouncements; prospects, plans, objectives, expectations and beliefs of management, as well as information contained in this report where statements are preceded by, followed by or include the words believes, expects, anticipates, plans, future, potential, probably, predictions, continue or the negative of such terms or similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are based on a number of assumptions concerning future events, and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside our control, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. These risks and uncertainties include, among others: the effects of regulation, abnormal weather, changes in capital requirements and funding, acquisitions, changes to the capital markets, and our ability to assimilate acquired operations, as well as those risks, uncertainties and other factors discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 under the captions Risk Factors and Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and elsewhere in such report. As a result, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

## **General Information**

Nature of Operations Aqua America, Inc. ( we or us ), a Pennsylvania corporation, is the holding company for regulated utilities providing water or wastewater services to what we estimate to be almost three million people in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Texas, Illinois, North Carolina, New Jersey, Florida, Indiana, Virginia, and Georgia. Our largest operating subsidiary, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., provides water or wastewater services to approximately one-half of the total number of people we serve, who are located in the suburban areas in counties north and west of the City of Philadelphia and in 26 other counties in Pennsylvania. Our other subsidiaries provide similar services in nine other states.

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Aqua America, Inc., which prior to its name change in 2004 was known as Philadelphia Suburban Corporation, was formed in 1968 as a holding company for its primary subsidiary, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., formerly known as Philadelphia Suburban Water Company. Since the early 1990s, we have embarked on a growth-through-acquisition strategy focused on water and wastewater operations. Our most significant transactions to date have been the merger with Consumers Water Company in 1999, the acquisition of the regulated water and wastewater operations of AquaSource, Inc. in 2003, the acquisition of Heater Utilities, Inc. in 2004, and the acquisition of American Water Works Company, Inc. s regulated operations in Ohio in 2012. Since the early 1990s, our business strategy has been primarily directed toward the regulated water and wastewater utility industry and has extended our regulated operations from southeastern Pennsylvania to include operations in nine other states.

Beginning in 2010, and continuing into 2013, we pursued a portfolio rationalization strategy to focus our operations in areas where we have critical mass and economic growth potential and to divest operations where limited customer growth opportunities exist, or where we are unable to achieve favorable operating results or a return on equity that we consider acceptable. In 2012, we sold our operations in Maine and New York, in 2011 we sold our operations in Missouri, and in 2010 we sold our operations in South Carolina. In connection with the sale of our New York and Missouri operations, we acquired additional utility systems (and customers) in Ohio and Texas, two of the larger states in Aqua America s portfolio. Initiated in 2012, we began to market for sale our Florida utility operations and we believe the sale of our remaining operations in Florida will conclude at the end of 2013 or during the first quarter of 2014.

In July 2011, we entered into a definitive agreement to sell our operations in Maine, which served approximately 16,000 customers. The sale of our utility in Maine closed in January 2012, concluding our regulated operations in Maine. Also, in July 2011, we entered into a definitive agreement to purchase all of American Water Works Company, Inc. s regulated operations in Ohio (the Ohio acquisition ), which served approximately 59,000 customers, and to simultaneously sell our regulated water and wastewater operations in New York, which served approximately 51,000 customers. In May 2012, we completed this transaction, concluding our regulated operations in New York. The Ohio acquisition was initially financed by short-term debt. The proceeds from the dispositions of our operations in New York and Maine were used to paydown a portion of our short-term debt and other general corporate purposes. In September 2012, we began to market for sale our water and wastewater operations in Florida, which served approximately 38,000 customers, and our waste water treatment facility in Georgia. In March and April 2013, we completed the sale of certain of our water and wastewater utility systems in Florida totaling approximately 67% of our customers served in Florida, and in June 2013, we entered into a definitive agreement to sell our remaining Florida water and wastewater systems in Sarasota, Florida to Sarasota County. In July 2013, we received a threat of a legal challenge to this transaction that may have delayed or ultimately terminated this transaction; however, in September 2013, we reached a settlement of the matter, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions at settlement. We believe that we will be able to complete the sale of these assets at either the end of 2013 or during the first quarter of 2014, which will conclude the Company s operations in Florida. We have accounted for the sale of our water and wastewater operations in New York, Maine, and Florida and planned disposition of our wastewater operation in Georgia as

discontinued operations.

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In January 2008, we reached a settlement agreement with the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, (the City) to transition the northern portion of the utility system of one of the Company s operating subsidiaries in Indiana (the Northern Assets ), upon receipt of the City s initial valuation payment of \$16,911. The settlement agreement specifically stated that the final valuation of the Northern Assets will be determined through a continuation of the legal proceedings that were filed challenging the City s valuation. In February 2008, we turned over the Northern Assets to the City upon receipt of the initial valuation payment. The proceeds received by the Company are in excess of the book value of the assets relinquished. No gain has been recognized due to the contingency over the final valuation of the assets. In December 2012, the Fort Wayne City Council considered an ordinance that sought to declare it a public convenience and necessity to acquire certain of our water utility assets located in the southwest section of the City and in Allen County (the Southern Assets ), and if negotiations with Fort Wayne officials were to fail, to condemn the Southern Assets. In July 2013, we signed a letter of intent with the City, which among other items, addresses many of the terms by which the City will purchase our Southern Assets, will resolve the litigation between us and the City with respect to the valuation of the former Northern Assets, and will establish the terms by which our Indiana operating subsidiary will treat wastewater sent to it by the City. The letter of intent states that the City agrees to pay us \$50,100 for the Northern Assets and Southern Assets in addition to the \$16,911 paid to us by the City in 2008 as an initial valuation payment for the Northern Assets (for a total payment of \$67,011). The letter of intent is conditioned on our Board of Directors and City Council approving the final terms of the possible transaction, and the Company and the City entering into several definitive agreements that cover the subject matter of the letter of intent. Further, the completion of the transaction is subject to regulatory requirements and approval. If this transaction is consummated, the Company will expand its sewer customer base in the City. The completion of the transaction is not expected to close until the third quarter of 2014. We continue to evaluate our legal and operational options on an ongoing basis.

In addition, we provide water and wastewater service through operating and maintenance contracts with municipal authorities and other parties close to our utility companies—service territories, as well as sludge hauling, septage and grease services, backflow prevention services, certain other non-regulated water and wastewater services, and non-utility raw water supply services for certain firms in the natural gas and oil drilling industry.

In 2011, one of our subsidiaries entered into a joint venture with a firm that operates natural gas pipelines and processing plants for the construction and operation of a private pipeline system to supply non-utility raw water to certain natural gas well drilling operations in Pennsylvania. The operation of the private pipeline system commenced in the second quarter of 2012 and marks an expansion of our growth venture in serving the raw water needs of firms in the natural gas and oil drilling industry.

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## **Financial Condition**

During the first nine months of 2013, we had \$216,062 of capital expenditures, issued \$188,321 of long-term debt, and repaid debt and made sinking fund contributions and other loan repayments of \$258,295. The capital expenditures were related to improvements to treatment plants, new and rehabilitated water mains, tanks, hydrants, and service lines, well and booster improvements, and other enhancements and improvements. The issuance of \$188,321 of long-term debt was comprised principally of the funds borrowed under our revolving credit facility of \$99,000 and the issuance of \$85,000 of first mortgage bonds. The repayment of debt and sinking fund contributions and other loan repayments of \$258,295 were comprised of the repayment of funds borrowed under our revolving credit facility of \$194,000 and sinking fund contributions and other loan repayments of \$64,295.

At September 30, 2013 we had \$6,393 of cash and cash equivalents compared to \$5,521 at December 31, 2012. During the first nine months of 2013, we used the proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt, internally generated funds, the sale of certain water and wastewater utility systems, the sale of other assets, and the sale or issuance of common stock through our equity compensation plan and dividend reinvestment plan, to fund the cash requirements discussed above and to pay dividends.

At September 30, 2013, our \$150,000 unsecured revolving credit facility, which expires in March 2017, had \$120,040 available for borrowing. At September 30, 2013, we had short-term lines of credit of \$160,500, of which \$50,714 was available for borrowing. One of our short-term lines of credit is an Aqua Pennsylvania \$100,000 364-day unsecured revolving credit facility with three banks, which is used to provide working capital, and as of September 30, 2013, \$5,295 was available for borrowing.

Our short-term lines of credit of \$160,500 are subject to renewal on an annual basis. Although we believe we will be able to renew these facilities, there is no assurance that they will be renewed, or what the terms of any such renewal will be. The United States credit and liquidity crisis that occurred in 2008 and 2009 caused substantial volatility in capital markets, including credit markets and the banking industry, generally reduced the availability of credit from financing sources, and could reoccur in the future. If in the future, our credit facilities are not renewed or our short-term borrowings are called for repayment, we would have to seek alternative financing sources; however, there can be no assurance that these alternative financing sources would be available on terms acceptable to us. In the event we are not able to obtain sufficient capital, we may need to reduce our capital expenditures and our ability to pursue acquisitions that we may rely on for future growth could be impaired.

The Company s consolidated balance sheet historically has had a negative working capital position whereby routinely our current liabilities exceed our current assets. Management believes that internally generated funds along with existing credit facilities and the proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt and common stock will be adequate to provide sufficient working capital to maintain normal operations and to meet our financing requirements for at least the next twelve months.

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On June 7, 2012, the Company s Pennsylvania operating subsidiary ( Aqua Pennsylvania ) reached a settlement agreement in its rate filing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, which in addition to a water rate increase, provided for the flow-through accounting treatment of certain income tax benefits upon Aqua Pennsylvania changing its tax accounting method to permit the expensing of certain utility asset improvement costs that have historically been capitalized and depreciated for book and tax purposes (the Repair Change ). In December 2012, Aqua Pennsylvania implemented the Repair Change. During the third quarter of 2013, we recorded additional tax deductions for certain qualifying infrastructure improvements in connection with the preparation of our annual tax return filings, which resulted in both additional recognized and unrecognized tax benefits. As a result of the adoption of the Repair Change, prior to the receipt of Aqua Pennsylvania s next rate order, the Repair Change results in a substantial reduction in income tax expense and greater net income and cash flow, and as a result allowed the Company to suspend its Distribution System Improvement Charges ( DSIC ) in 2013 and lengthen the amount of time until the next Aqua Pennsylvania rate case is filed. A portion of the additional tax deductions recognized in the third quarter of 2013 relate to a change in our tax method of accounting for certain qualifying utility system repairs in certain other operating divisions. These divisions currently do not employ a flow-through method of accounting and as such the change in the Company s tax method of accounting in these other operating divisions had no impact on our effective income tax rate.

In May 2013, the Board of Directors of the Company approved an approximate 9% increase to the Company s quarterly cash dividend effective with the September 1, 2013 dividend payment. The Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$0.152 per share for the September 1, 2013 dividend, up from \$0.14 per share as compared to the Company s dividend paid on June 1, 2013. In addition, the Board of Directors approved a five-for-four stock split which was effected in the form of a 25% stock distribution on September 1, 2013 to shareholders of record on August 16, 2013. Aqua America s par value of \$0.50 per share did not change as a result of the common stock distribution, and as a result, on the distribution date \$17,655 was transferred from capital in excess of par value to common stock to record the stock split.

In October 2013, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a resolution authorizing the Company to purchase, from time to time, up to 685,348 shares of its common stock in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions. This authorization renewed the number of shares that had remained, when affected for stock splits, from an existing share buy-back authorization from 1997. The specific timing, amount and other terms of repurchases will depend on market conditions, regulatory requirements and other factors.

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# Results of Operations

## Analysis of First Nine Months of 2013 Compared to First Nine Months of 2012

Unless specifically noted, the following discussion of the Company s results of operations for the first nine months of 2013 refers to the Company s results of operations from continuing operations.

Revenues increased \$9,756 or 1.7% primarily due to additional revenues associated with increased water and wastewater rates of \$25,060 and additional water and wastewater revenues of \$15,245 associated with a larger customer base due to acquisitions, offset by a decrease in customer water consumption and a decrease in infrastructure rehabilitation surcharges of \$10,804. The decrease in customer water consumption is largely due to unfavorable weather conditions in many of our service territories during the second and third quarters of 2013 and increases in water conservation awareness by our customers. The decrease in infrastructure rehabilitation surcharges results primarily from the January 1, 2013 suspension of Aqua Pennsylvania s DSIC as a result of the implementation of the Repair Change.

Operations and maintenance expenses increased by \$11,570 or 5.8% primarily due to operating costs associated with acquired utility systems and other growth ventures of \$8,095, the effect of the recognition in the second quarter of 2012 of a regulatory asset resulting from a completed rate case which when compared to the first nine months of 2013 resulted in an increase to operations and maintenance expense by \$3,356, and normal increases in other operating costs, offset by a decrease in water production costs of \$2,620 attributed to decreased customer water consumption in the second and third quarters of 2013 and the June 2013 gain on the sale of a utility system of \$1,025.

Depreciation expense increased \$6,235 or 7.5% due to the utility plant placed in service since September 30, 2012, and the utility plant added due to our Ohio acquisition in May of 2012.

Taxes other than income taxes increased by \$5,621 or 16.2% primarily due to an increase in property taxes of \$3,760 associated with our Ohio acquisition, an increase in gross receipts, excise and franchise taxes of \$1,680 due primarily to our Ohio acquisition as well as the effect of a favorable adjustment recorded in the first quarter of 2012 related to gross receipts, excise and franchise taxes for one of our operating subsidiaries of \$824 which had the effect of increasing the first nine months of 2013 s taxes other than income taxes.

Allowance for funds used during construction ( AFUDC ) decreased by \$2,016 primarily due to a decrease in the average balance of proceeds held from tax-exempt bond issuances that are restricted to funding certain capital projects.

Gain on sale of other assets totaled \$121 during the first nine months of 2013 and \$826 during the first nine months of 2012. The decrease of \$705 is principally due to the timing of sales of an equity investment, land and other property.

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Equity loss in joint venture totaled \$1,732 during the first nine months of 2013, or a decrease of \$2,663 as compared to the first nine months of 2012, and reflects a decline in water sales, due to sluggish well drilling activity, in connection with serving the raw water needs of certain firms in the natural gas and oil drilling industry.

Our effective income tax rate was 10.9% during the first nine months of 2013 and 39.4% during the first nine months of 2012. The effective income tax rate decreased due to Aqua Pennsylvania s adoption in December 2012 of the Repair Change. The Repair Change reduced the Company s income tax expense for the first nine months of 2013 due to the flow-through treatment afforded by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission s June 2012 rate order, thereby increasing net income. There was no corresponding Repair Change tax deduction in the first nine months of 2012, as the adoption of the Repair Change began in the fourth quarter of 2012.

Income from continuing operations increased by \$39,310 or 33.0%, in comparison to the same period in 2012 primarily as a result of the factors described above. On a diluted per share basis, income from continuing operations increased \$0.22 reflecting the change in income from continuing operations and a 1.2% increase in the average number of common shares outstanding.

Income from discontinued operations decreased by \$5,550 or \$0.03 per diluted share, in comparison to the same period in 2012 primarily as a result of the effect of the prior year recognition of the gain on sale of our Maine operating subsidiary net of income taxes of \$10,821, offset by the net gain on sale recognized on the sales of our Florida operations in 2013, net of income taxes, of \$3,555 and the effect of the prior recognition of charges incurred from the disposal of our New York subsidiary of \$2,069.

Net income attributable to common shareholders increased by \$33,760 or 26.0%, in comparison to the same period in 2012 primarily as a result of the factors described above. On a diluted per share basis, earnings increased \$0.19 reflecting the change in net income attributable to common shareholders and a 1.2% increase in the average number of common shares outstanding. The increase in the number of shares outstanding is primarily a result of the additional shares sold or issued through our equity compensation plan and dividend reinvestment plan.

#### Analysis of Third Quarter of 2013 Compared to Third Quarter of 2012

Unless specifically noted, the following discussion of the Company s results of operations for the third quarter of 2013 refers to the Company s results of operations from continuing operations.

Revenues decreased \$10,220 or 4.8% primarily due to a decrease in customer water consumption offset by additional water and wastewater revenues of \$1,443 associated with a larger customer base due to acquisitions and additional revenues associated with increased water and wastewater rates of \$899. The decrease in customer water consumption is largely due to unfavorable weather conditions in many of our service territories during the third quarter of 2013 and increases in water conservation awareness by our customers.

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(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

Operations and maintenance expenses increased by \$797 or 1.1% primarily due to operating costs associated with acquired utility systems and other growth ventures of \$658, and normal increases in other operating costs, offset by a decrease in water production costs of \$1,065 attributed to decreased customer water consumption during the third quarter of 2013.

Depreciation expense increased \$1,937 or 6.9% due to the utility plant placed in service since September 30, 2012.

Taxes other than income taxes increased by \$346 or 2.6% primarily due to an increase in property taxes of \$194 associated with our Ohio acquisition, an increase in payroll taxes of \$154, an increase in other taxes of \$138 primarily due to a rate increase for fees assessed for the pumping of water in Texas, and an increase in gross receipts, excise and franchise taxes of \$117, offset by a decrease in capital stock taxes of \$257 associated with a decrease in capital stock taxes assessed for our Pennsylvania subsidiary.

AFUDC decreased by \$493 primarily due to a decrease in the average balance of proceeds held from tax-exempt bond issuances that are restricted to funding certain capital projects.

Equity earnings in joint venture decreased \$604 due to a decline in water sales, associated with sluggish well drilling activity, in connection with serving the raw water needs of certain firms in the natural gas and oil drilling industry.

Our effective income tax rate was 7.6% in the third quarter of 2013 and 39.3% in the third quarter of 2012. The effective income tax rate decreased due to Aqua Pennsylvania s adoption in December 2012 of the Repair Change. The Repair Change reduced the Company s third quarter 2013 income tax expense due to the flow-through treatment afforded by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission s June 2012 rate order, thereby increasing net income. There was no corresponding Repair Change tax deduction in the third quarter of 2012, as the adoption of the Repair Change began in the fourth quarter of 2012.

Income from continuing operations increased by \$13,200 or 26.3%, in comparison to the same period in 2012 primarily as a result of the factors described above. On a diluted per share basis, income from continuing operations increased \$0.07, reflecting the change in income from continuing operations and a 1.1% increase in the average number of common shares outstanding. The increase in the number of shares outstanding is primarily a result of the additional shares sold or issued through our equity compensation plan and our dividend reinvestment plan.

Income from discontinued operations decreased by \$242 in comparison to the same period in 2012 primarily as a result of the sales of certain of our Florida operations completed in the first and second quarters of 2013.

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Net income attributable to common shareholders increased by \$12,958 or 25.6%, in comparison to the same period in 2012 primarily as a result of the factors described above. On a diluted per share basis, earnings increased \$0.07 reflecting the change in net income attributable to common shareholders and a 1.1% increase in the average number of common shares outstanding. The increase in the number of shares outstanding is primarily a result of the additional shares sold or issued through our equity compensation plan and dividend reinvestment plan.

## **Impact of Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

We describe the impact of recent accounting pronouncements in Note 15, *Recent Accounting Pronouncements*, of the consolidated financial statements.

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## Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are subject to market risks in the normal course of business, including changes in interest rates and equity prices. There have been no significant changes in our exposure to market risks since December 31, 2012. Refer to Item 7A of the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 for additional information.

## Item 4. Controls and Procedures

#### (a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report are effective such that the information required to be disclosed by us in reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC s rules and forms and (ii) accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding disclosure.

## (b) Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

No change in our internal control over financial reporting occurred during our most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Part II. Other Information

## Item 1. Legal Proceedings

There are various legal proceedings in which we are involved. Although the results of legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, there are no pending legal proceedings, other than as set forth below, to which we or any of our subsidiaries is a party or to which any of our properties is the subject that we believe are material or are expected to have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. Dollar amounts disclosed is this section, Item 1. Legal Proceedings are presented in whole dollars, not thousands of dollars.

The City of Fort Wayne, Indiana (the City) authorized the acquisition by eminent domain of the northern portion of the utility system of one of the Company s operating subsidiaries in Indiana (the Northern Assets ). In January 2008, we reached a settlement with the City to transition the Northern Assets in February 2008 upon receipt of the City s initial valuation payment of \$16,910,500. The settlement agreement specifically stated that the final valuation of the Northern Assets will be determined through a continuation of the legal proceedings that were filed challenging the City s valuation. On February 12, 2008, we turned over the Northern Assets to the City upon receipt of the initial valuation payment. The proceeds received by the Company are in excess of the book value of the assets relinquished. No gain has been recognized due to the contingency over the final valuation of the assets. The net book value of the Northern Assets has been removed from the consolidated balance sheet and the difference between the net book value and the initial payment received has been deferred and is recorded in other accrued liabilities on the Company s consolidated balance sheet. Once the contingency is resolved and the asset valuation is finalized, through the finalization of the litigation between the Company and the City of Fort Wayne, the amounts deferred will be recognized in the Company s consolidated income statement. On March 16, 2009, oral argument was held before the Allen County Circuit Court on certain procedural aspects with respect to the valuation evidence that may be presented and whether we are entitled to a jury trial. On October 12, 2010, the Wells County Indiana Circuit Court ruled that the Company is not entitled to a jury trial, and that the Wells County judge should review the City of Fort Wayne Board of Public Works assessment based upon a capricious, arbitrary or an abuse of discretion standard. The Company appealed the Wells County Indiana Circuit Court s decision to the Indiana Court of Appeals. On January 13, 2012, the Indiana Court of Appeals reached a decision upholding the Wells County Indiana Circuit Court decision. On February 10, 2012, the Company filed a petition for transfer requesting that the Indiana Supreme Court review the matter. On April 11, 2013, the Supreme Court of Indiana ruled that the statute at issue gives the Company the right to a full evidentiary hearing before a jury regarding the value of the assets and remanded the case to the trial court for a proceeding consistent with that ruling. The Company continues to evaluate its legal options with respect to this decision. Depending upon the outcome of all of the legal proceedings, including the planned transaction below, which would resolve this litigation, the Company may be required to refund a portion of the initial valuation payment, or may receive additional proceeds.

In addition, in December 2012, the Fort Wayne City Council considered an ordinance that sought to declare it a public convenience and necessity to acquire certain of the Company s water utility system assets located in the southwest section of the City and in Allen County (the Southern Assets ) and, if negotiations with Fort Wayne officials were to fail, to condemn the Southern Assets. The first public hearing on the ordinance was held on January 22, 2013 and a subsequent hearing scheduled for February 5, 2013 was not held due to ongoing settlement discussions between the parties. On July 2, 2013, the Company s operating subsidiary and the City signed a letter of intent, which among other items, addresses many of the terms by which the City will purchase the Company s Southern Assets, which will resolve the litigation between the Company and the City with respect to the Northern Assets, and will establish the terms by which the Company will treat wastewater sent to it by the City. The letter of intent states that the City agrees to pay the Company \$50,100,000 for the Northern Assets and Southern Assets in addition to the \$16,910,500 paid to the Company by the City in 2008 as an initial valuation payment for the Northern Assets (for a total cost of \$67,010,500). The letter of intent is conditioned on the Company s Board of Directors and City Council approving the final terms of the possible transaction, and the Company and the City entering into several definitive agreements that cover the subject matter of the letter of intent. Further, the completion of the transaction is subject to regulatory requirements and approval. If this transaction is consummated, the Company will expand its sewer customer based in the City. The completion of the transaction is not expected to close until the third quarter of 2014. The Company continues to evaluate its legal and operational options on an ongoing basis.

An appeal of a jury verdict for one of the Company s subsidiaries, Aqua Utilities Florida, Inc., by a husband and wife who lived in a house abutting a percolation pond at a wastewater treatment plant owned by the Company s subsidiary in Pasco County, Florida was voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiffs in 2011. The lawsuit was originally filed in August 2006 in the circuit court for the Sixth Judicial Circuit in and for Pasco County, Florida and has been amended several times by the plaintiffs. The lawsuit alleged our subsidiary was negligent in the design, operation and maintenance of the plant, resulting in bodily injury to the plaintiffs and various damages to their property. Subsequent amendments to the complaint included additional counts alleging trespass, nuisance, and strict liability. A trial of this matter during January 2011 resulted in a judicial dismissal of the count for strict liability and jury verdicts in favor of the Company on the remaining counts. On June 16, 2011, the plaintiffs agreed to dismiss their appeals and to release all claims against our subsidiary and the Company, which resulted in the conclusion of the original plaintiffs litigation against our subsidiary. In the third quarter of 2008, thirty-six additional plaintiffs, associated with approximately eight other homes in the area, filed a second lawsuit with the same court and represented by the same attorneys making similar allegations against our subsidiary with respect to the operation of the facility. The court has severed the litigation so that the plaintiffs will be grouped by the houses in which they lived and a separate trial will be held for each of the households. Some of these plaintiffs testified in the trial of the original lawsuit in which all allegations were resolved in the Company s favor. The claims from the first of these households were expected to go to trial in May 2013. However, the parties have entered into a confidential comprehensive settlement agreement that has resulted in the court enforcing the settlement agreement and concluding the matter with prejudice. The settlement is covered by the Company s insurance coverage. At this time, the Company s reserves are adequate and the Company believes that the estimated amount of any potential loss would not be material to the Company s consolidated results of operations or consolidated financial condition.

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One of the Company s subsidiaries, South Haven Sewer Works, acquired in 2008 has been operating under a Consent Decree with the EPA and the United States Department of Justice entered into in 2003 while under ownership of a previous owner. Although substantial improvements to the system have been made to significantly reduce the number of sanitary sewer overflows at the sewer system since the Company's acquisition of the subsidiary, the EPA and Department of Justice proposed revisions to the Consent Decree to address purported sanitary sewer overflow violations since the date of the original Consent Decree. On April 15, 2013, the Company's subsidiary and the EPA and Department of Justice submitted a proposed modification of the Consent Decree for approval by the Northern District of Indiana US District Court. The Court entered the modification on April 25, 2013. The modification includes the provision of operational compliance and implementation of a Capacity, Management, Operations, and Maintenance program for one year and a civil penalty in the amount of \$254,250. The Company had withheld payment of a certain amount of shares payable to the sellers as a contingent indemnification offset related to the proceedings. Pursuant to further agreement with the sellers, the Company retained a portion of those shares in an amount covering the stipulated penalty amounts and anticipated attendant costs, and released a certain number of shares to the sellers. The Company intends to release a final designated amount of shares to the seller that were withheld to cover contingent increases in the absence of such contingent increases.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the risks disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 (Form 10-K) under Part 1, Item 1A Risk Factors.

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## Item 2. <u>Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds</u>

The following table summarizes Aqua America s purchases of its common stock for the quarter ended September 30, 2013:

	Issuer Purch	nases of Equit	y Securities	
			Total	Maximum
			Number	
			of	Number of
			Shares	Shares
			Purchased	that May
			as Part	
			of	Yet be
	Total		Publicly	Purchased
	Number	Average	Announced	Under the
	of			
	Shares	Price Paid	Plans or	Plan or
Period	Purchased (1)	per Share	<b>Programs</b>	Programs (2)
July 1 31, 2013	10,706	\$ 25.37		685,348
August 1 31, 2013	25,106	\$ 25.69		685,348
September 1 30, 2013		\$		685,348
Total	35,812	\$ 25.60		685,348

- (1) These amounts consist of 6,985 shares we purchased from shareholders for the fractional shares that would otherwise have been issued in connection with the September 1, 2013 stock split, and shares we purchased from employees who elected to pay the exercise price of their stock options (and then hold shares of the stock) upon exercise by delivering to us (and, thus, selling) shares of Aqua America common stock in accordance with the terms of our equity compensation plans that were previously approved by our shareholders and disclosed in our proxy statements. This feature of our equity compensation plan is available to all employees who receive stock-based compensation under the plans. We purchased these shares at their fair market value, as determined by reference to the closing price of our common stock on the day of vesting of the restricted stock awards or on the day prior to the option exercise.
- (2) On October 4, 2013, our Board of Directors approved a resolution authorizing the purchase of up to 685,348 shares. This authorization renewed the number of shares that had remained, when affected for stock splits, from an existing buy-back authorization from 1997. The program has no fixed expiration date.

# Item 6. Exhibits

The information required by this Item is set forth in the Exhibit Index hereto which is incorporated herein by reference.

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## **SIGNATURES**

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

November 8, 2013

Aqua America, Inc. Registrant

Nicholas DeBenedictis Nicholas DeBenedictis Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

David P. Smeltzer David P. Smeltzer Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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# **EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit No.	Description
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.
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101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRES	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

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