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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DEBENEDICTIS NICHOLAS</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 762 W LANCASTER AVE. (Street) BRYN MAWR PA 19010 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AQUA AMERICA INC [WTR]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>CHAIRMAN & PRESIDENT</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/06/2011 | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 11/10/2011 | | G | V | 46 | D | \$21.96 | 330,228.95 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/17/2011 | | G | V | 729 | D | \$21.725 | 329,499.95 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/06/2011 | | A | | 50,000 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$22.13 | 379,499.95 | D | |
| Common Stock Ownership By Spouse | | | | | | | | 0 | I | Spouse |
| Common Stock-GRAT | | | | | | | | 70,971.88 | I | GRAT #3 |
| Common Stock-GRAT | | | | | | | | 120,776 | I | GRAT #4 |
| Common Stock-GRAT | | | | | | | | 65,777.88 | I | GRAT #3 - Spouse |
| Common Stock-GRAT | | | | | | | | 120,776 | I | GRAT #4 - Spouse |
| Common Stock - IRA | | | | | | | | 4,025.61 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock - IRA | | | | | | | | 3,218.58 ⁽³⁾ | I | IRA - Spouse |
| Common Stock 401k | | | | | | | | 14,361.89 ⁽⁴⁾ | I | 401k |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Grant of 50,000 shares of restricted stock which vest one-half in 2014 and one-half in 2015, subject to meeting performance criteria.
- Includes 32.52 shares acquired under the Issuer's dividend reinvestment plan since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report.
- Includes 26 shares acquired under the Issuer's dividend reinvestment plan since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report.

4. Since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report, the reporting person acquired 116.01 shares under the Issuer's 401k Plan.

/s/ Brian Dingerdissen,
attorney-in-fact for Mr.
DeBenedictis

12/12/2011

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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