



## **Aqua Pennsylvania Unveils 6.5-Acre Solar Farm at Its Largest Water Treatment Facility — Governor Corbett to Attend**

Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.:

**When:** Friday, April 13, 2012  
11 a.m.

**What:** Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. (Aqua) Chairman Nick DeBenedictis will host Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett along with other state and local officials at the site of the company's largest solar farm, located at its Pickering water treatment plant. The \$6.5 million solar farm provides power to the water treatment facility, which is also the company's largest plant, serving nearly 500,000 residents of 27 municipalities in Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties.

The 1.5 megawatt (MW) solar farm spans 6.5 acres of ground at the eastern end of the plant site. The solar farm will reduce Aqua's grid-tied usage by 2.3 million kWh annually resulting in a direct economic benefit of \$207,000 per year in energy savings. In addition, the project will alleviate congestion on the PECO grid resulting in additional savings to all consumers by reducing line losses and congestion charges. The company has spent approximately \$75 million over the past decade at the Pickering facility.

The solar farm is the company's latest installation—having built a 1.0 MW, 4.5-acre facility at its Ingram's Mill treatment plant in East Bradford Township that serves 25,000 West Chester area residents. The Ingram's Mill solar farm has reduced grid-tied usage by 1.3 million kilowatt-hours during the past 12 months resulting in a direct economic benefit of \$130,000 annually in energy savings.

**Where:** 1050 Valley Forge Road  
Phoenixville, PA  
(Route 23 just west of Valley Forge Park)

**Guests:** Attending will be Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett; State Senator Andrew Dinniman; State Representative Warren Kampf; Chester County Commissioners Terance Farrell, Ryan Costello, Kathi Cozzone; and Schuylkill Township supervisors Barbara Cohen, Martha Majewski; Kevin Handforth and Jim Morrison; Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Regional Manager Cosmo Servido and DEP Water Supply Program Manger John Fabian, among other elected and appointed officials.

Aqua Pennsylvania serves approximately 1.4 million residents in 30 counties throughout Pennsylvania with more than one million in southeastern Pennsylvania.

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