

AQUA AMERICA INC  
Form 10-Q  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON DC 20549  
FORM 10-Q**

**(Mark One)**

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

**For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2008**

**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)

Pennsylvania

23-1702594

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

762 W. Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

19010-3489

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (610) 527-8000

(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  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 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of October 22, 2008. 135,163,540.



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## AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## Part 1 Financial Information

## Item 1. Financial Statements

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

(UNAUDITED)

|   | September 30,<br>2008 | December 31,<br>2007 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>   |                       |                      |
| Property, plant and equipment, at cost  | \$ 3,759,696          | \$ 3,573,996         |
| Less: accumulated depreciation  | 837,180               | 781,202              |
| Net property, plant and equipment   | 2,922,516             | 2,792,794            |
| Current assets:   |                       |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 15,968                | 14,540               |
| Accounts receivable and unbilled revenues, net  | 94,086                | 82,921               |
| Inventory, materials and supplies   | 11,124                | 8,803                |
| Prepayments and other current assets  | 8,693                 | 9,247                |
| Total current assets  | 129,871               | 115,511              |
| Regulatory assets   | 162,983               | 164,034              |
| Deferred charges and other assets, net  | 50,422                | 41,321               |
| Funds restricted for construction activity  | 60,268                | 76,621               |
| Goodwill  | 37,979                | 36,631               |
|   | \$ 3,364,039          | \$ 3,226,912         |
| <b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>   |                       |                      |
| Common stockholders' equity:  |                       |                      |
| Common stock at \$.50 par value, authorized 300,000,000 shares, issued 135,849,342 and 134,099,240 in 2008 and 2007 | \$ 67,924             | \$ 67,050            |
| Capital in excess of par value  | 618,827               | 572,050              |
| Retained earnings   | 354,112               | 350,364              |
| Treasury stock, 685,802 and 699,090 shares in 2008 and 2007   | (12,828)              | (13,166)             |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income  | (16)                  |                      |
| Total common stockholders' equity   | 1,028,019             | 976,298              |
| Minority interest   | 2,140                 | 1,979                |
| Long-term debt, excluding current portion   | 1,211,388             | 1,215,053            |
| Commitments and contingencies   |                       |                      |

Current liabilities:

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| Current portion of long-term debt                | 7,123        | 23,927       |
| Loans payable                                    | 103,069      | 56,918       |
| Accounts payable                                 | 30,801       | 45,801       |
| Accrued interest                                 | 15,030       | 15,741       |
| Accrued taxes                                    | 17,287       | 16,686       |
| Dividends payable                                | 18,247       |              |
| Other accrued liabilities                        | 26,726       | 24,139       |
| <br>Total current liabilities                    | <br>218,283  | <br>183,212  |
| <br>Deferred credits and other liabilities:      |              |              |
| Deferred income taxes and investment tax credits | 341,875      | 307,651      |
| Customers advances for construction              | 71,892       | 85,773       |
| Regulatory liabilities                           | 12,762       | 12,460       |
| Other  | 62,573       | 68,797       |
| <br>Total deferred credits and other liabilities | <br>489,102  | <br>474,681  |
| <br>Contributions in aid of construction         | <br>415,107  | <br>375,689  |
|  | \$ 3,364,039 | \$ 3,226,912 |

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AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
 (In thousands, except per share amounts)

(UNAUDITED)

|  | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |            |
|--|------------------------------------|------------|
|  | 2008                               | 2007       |
| Operating revenues   | \$ 467,132                         | \$ 453,416 |
| Costs and expenses:  |                                    |            |
| Operations and maintenance                                   | 196,193                            | 190,698    |
| Depreciation   | 64,909                             | 61,657     |
| Amortization   | 4,000                              | 3,603      |
| Taxes other than income taxes                                | 34,111                             | 33,596     |
|  | 299,213                            | 289,554    |
| Operating income   | 167,919                            | 163,862    |
| Other expense (income):                                      |                                    |            |
| Interest expense, net  | 51,207                             | 50,093     |
| Allowance for funds used during construction                 | (3,032)                            | (2,118)    |
| Gain on sale of other assets                                 | (1,085)                            | (648)      |
| Income before income taxes                                   | 120,829                            | 116,535    |
| Provision for income taxes                                   | 48,576                             | 46,432     |
| Net income   | \$ 72,253                          | \$ 70,103  |
| Net income   | \$ 72,253                          | \$ 70,103  |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax:                      |                                    |            |
| Unrealized holding gain on investments                       | 193                                | 1,121      |
| Reclassification adjustment for gains reported in net income | (209)                              |            |
| Comprehensive income   | \$ 72,237                          | \$ 71,224  |
| Net income per common share:                                 |                                    |            |
| Basic  | \$ 0.54                            | \$ 0.53    |
| Diluted  | \$ 0.54                            | \$ 0.53    |

Average common shares outstanding during the period:

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| Basic                                    | 134,013   | 132,675   |
| Diluted                                  | 134,423   | 133,527   |
| Cash dividends declared per common share | \$ 0.5100 | \$ 0.3550 |

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|  | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |            |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|
|  | 2008                                | 2007       |
| Operating revenues   | \$ 177,098                          | \$ 165,491 |
| Costs and expenses:  |                                     |            |
| Operations and maintenance                                   | 66,743                              | 67,069     |
| Depreciation   | 22,809                              | 21,065     |
| Amortization   | 1,815                               | 1,161      |
| Taxes other than income taxes                                | 11,157                              | 10,849     |
|  | 102,524                             | 100,144    |
| Operating income   | 74,574                              | 65,347     |
| Other expense (income):                                      |                                     |            |
| Interest expense, net  | 17,014                              | 17,103     |
| Allowance for funds used during construction                 | (976)                               | (655)      |
| Gain on sale of other assets                                 | (532)                               | (260)      |
| Income before income taxes                                   | 59,068                              | 49,159     |
| Provision for income taxes                                   | 23,688                              | 19,641     |
| Net income   | \$ 35,380                           | \$ 29,518  |
| Net income   | \$ 35,380                           | \$ 29,518  |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax:                      |                                     |            |
| Unrealized holding gain on investments                       | 4                                   | 903        |
| Reclassification adjustment for gains reported in net income | (209)                               |            |
| Comprehensive income   | \$ 35,175                           | \$ 30,421  |
| Net income per common share:                                 |                                     |            |
| Basic  | \$ 0.26                             | \$ 0.22    |
| Diluted  | \$ 0.26                             | \$ 0.22    |

Average common shares outstanding during the period:

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| Basic                                    | 134,932   | 133,003   |
| Diluted                                  | 135,279   | 133,834   |
| Cash dividends declared per common share | \$ 0.2600 | \$ 0.1250 |

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AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CAPITALIZATION  
(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)  
(UNAUDITED)

|   | September 30,<br>2008  | December 31,<br>2007   |           |           |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Common stockholders' equity:  |                        |                        |           |           |
| Common stock, \$.50 par value   | \$ 67,924              | \$ 67,050              |           |           |
| Capital in excess of par value  | 618,827                | 572,050                |           |           |
| Retained earnings   | 354,112                | 350,364                |           |           |
| Treasury stock  | (12,828)               | (13,166)               |           |           |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income  | (16)                   |                        |           |           |
| <b>Total common stockholders' equity</b>  | <b>1,028,019</b>       | <b>976,298</b>         |           |           |
| <br>  |                        |                        |           |           |
| Long-term debt:   |                        |                        |           |           |
| Long-term debt of subsidiaries (substantially secured by utility plant):            |                        |                        |           |           |
|   | Interest Rate<br>Range | Maturity Date<br>Range |           |           |
|   | 0.00% to 0.99%         | 2024 to 2034           | 2,638     | 2,719     |
|   | 1.00% to 1.99%         | 2009 to 2035           | 21,694    | 21,368    |
|   | 2.00% to 2.99%         | 2019 to 2027           | 12,350    | 26,376    |
|   | 3.00% to 3.99%         | 2010 to 2023           | 30,828    | 18,013    |
|   | 4.00% to 4.99%         | 2020 to 2041           | 196,272   | 196,707   |
|   | 5.00% to 5.99%         | 2011 to 2043           | 317,924   | 317,913   |
|   | 6.00% to 6.99%         | 2008 to 2036           | 99,730    | 109,730   |
|   | 7.00% to 7.99%         | 2012 to 2025           | 32,486    | 35,186    |
|   | 8.00% to 8.99%         | 2021 to 2025           | 34,871    | 35,055    |
|   | 9.00% to 9.99%         | 2010 to 2026           | 71,414    | 77,609    |
|   | 10.00% to 10.99%       | 2018 to 2018           | 6,000     | 6,000     |
|   |                        |                        | 826,207   | 846,676   |
| <br>  |                        |                        |           |           |
| Notes payable to bank under revolving credit agreement, variable rate, due May 2012 |                        |                        | 50,000    | 65,000    |
| Unsecured notes payable:  |                        |                        |           |           |
| Notes of 4.87%, due 2010 through 2023   |                        |                        | 135,000   | 135,000   |
| Notes ranging from 5.00% to 5.99%, due 2014 through 2037                            |                        |                        | 207,132   | 192,132   |
| Note of 6.05%, due in 2008  |                        |                        | 172       | 172       |
|   |                        |                        | 1,218,511 | 1,238,980 |
| Current portion of long-term debt   |                        |                        | 7,123     | 23,927    |
| <br>  |                        |                        |           |           |
| Long-term debt, excluding current portion   |                        |                        | 1,211,388 | 1,215,053 |

|                      |              |              |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total capitalization | \$ 2,239,407 | \$ 2,191,351 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|

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AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMMON STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY  
 (In thousands of dollars)

(UNAUDITED)

|  | Common<br>Stock | Capital in<br>Excess of<br>Par Value | Retained<br>Earnings | Treasury<br>Stock | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Income | Total        |
|--|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---|--------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2007   | \$ 67,050       | \$ 572,050                           | \$ 350,364           | \$ (13,166)       | \$  | \$ 976,298   |
| Net income   |                 |                                      | 72,253               |                   |   | 72,253       |
| Net cash settlements of forward<br>equity sale agreement                                       |                 | 11,011                               |                      |                   |   | 11,011       |
| Unrealized holding gain on<br>investments, net of income tax of<br>\$104                       |                 |                                      |                      |                   | 193   | 193          |
| Reclassification adjustment for<br>gains reported in net income, net<br>of income tax of \$112 |                 |                                      |                      |                   | (209)   | (209)        |
| Dividends paid   |                 |                                      | (50,258)             |                   |   | (50,258)     |
| Dividends declared   |                 |                                      | (18,247)             |                   |   | (18,247)     |
| Stock issued for acquisitions<br>(125,723 shares)  | 63              | 1,937                                |                      |                   |   | 2,000        |
| Sale of stock (1,471,305 shares)   | 721             | 29,011                               |                      | 636               |   | 30,368       |
| Repurchase of stock (14,769<br>shares)   |                 |                                      |                      | (298)             |   | (298)        |
| Equity compensation plan (46,250<br>shares)  | 23              | (23)                                 |                      |                   |   |              |
| Exercise of stock options (134,881<br>shares)  | 67              | 1,471                                |                      |                   |   | 1,538        |
| Stock-based compensation   |                 | 3,230                                |                      |                   |   | 3,230        |
| Employee stock plan tax benefits   |                 | 140                                  |                      |                   |   | 140          |
| Balance at September 30, 2008  | \$ 67,924       | \$ 618,827                           | \$ 354,112           | \$ (12,828)       | \$ (16)   | \$ 1,028,019 |

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AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW  
(In thousands of dollars)

(UNAUDITED)

|  | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |           |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------|
|  | 2008                               | 2007      |
| Cash flows from operating activities:  |                                    |           |
| Net income   | \$ 72,253                          | \$ 70,103 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows from operating activities:                                       |                                    |           |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 68,909                             | 65,260    |
| Deferred income taxes  | 34,558                             | 7,861     |
| Gain on sale of utility system   | (4,118)                            |           |
| Gain on sale of other assets   | (1,085)                            | (648)     |
| Stock-based compensation   | 2,942                              | 3,308     |
| Net increase in receivables, inventory and prepayments   | (13,484)                           | (20,492)  |
| Net increase in payables, accrued interest, accrued taxes and other accrued liabilities                                | 438                                | 4,701     |
| Other  | (4,322)                            | 3,120     |
| Net cash flows from operating activities   | 156,091                            | 133,213   |
| Cash flows from investing activities:  |                                    |           |
| Property, plant and equipment additions, including allowance for funds used during construction of \$3,032 and \$2,118 | (188,063)                          | (175,783) |
| Acquisitions of utility systems and other, net   | (14,225)                           | (41,815)  |
| Proceeds from the sale of other assets   | 19,304                             | 3,535     |
| Additions to funds restricted for construction activity  | (1,219)                            | (50,591)  |
| Release of funds previously restricted for construction activity   | 17,572                             | 9,939     |
| Other  | (44)                               | 1,942     |
| Net cash flows used in investing activities  | (166,675)                          | (252,773) |
| Cash flows from financing activities:  |                                    |           |
| Customers' advances and contributions in aid of construction   | 5,332                              | 7,854     |
| Repayments of customers' advances  | (2,996)                            | (3,245)   |
| Net proceeds of short-term debt  | 46,151                             | 76,382    |
| Proceeds from long-term debt   | 16,850                             | 89,994    |
| Repayments of long-term debt   | (37,444)                           | (35,172)  |
| Change in cash overdraft position  | (8,349)                            | (12,574)  |
| Proceeds from exercised stock options  | 1,538                              | 6,760     |
| Stock-based compensation windfall tax benefits   | 107                                | 1,293     |
| Proceeds from issuing common stock   | 30,368                             | 7,759     |
| Repurchase of common stock   | (298)                              | (842)     |
| Dividends paid on common stock   | (50,258)                           | (47,106)  |
| Proceeds from net cash settlements of forward equity sale agreement  | 11,011                             |           |

|  |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Net cash flows from financing activities             | 12,012    | 91,103    |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 1,428     | (28,457)  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period     | 14,540    | 44,039    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period           | \$ 15,968 | \$ 15,582 |

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AQUA AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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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, 2008, the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income for the nine months and the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, the consolidated statements of cash flow for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, and the consolidated statement of common stockholders' equity for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, 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 common stockholders' 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, 2007 and the Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended June 30, 2008 and March 31, 2008. The results of operations for interim periods may not be indicative of the results that may be expected for the entire year.

Note 2 Dispositions

The City of Fort Wayne, Indiana has authorized the acquisition by eminent domain of the northern portion of the utility system of one of the Company's operating subsidiaries that the Company acquired in connection with the AquaSource acquisition in 2003. The Company had challenged whether the City was following the correct legal procedures in connection with the City's condemnation, but the State Supreme Court, in an opinion issued in June 2007, supported the City's position. In October 2007, the City's Board of Public Works approved proceeding with its process to condemn the northern portion of the Company's utility system at a preliminary price based on the City's valuation. The Company has filed an appeal with the Allen County Circuit Court challenging the Board of Public Works' valuation on several bases. In November 2007, the City Council authorized the taking of the northern portion of the Company's system and the payment of \$16,911 based on the City's valuation of this portion of the system. In January 2008, the Company reached a settlement with the City to transition the northern portion of the system in February 2008 upon receipt of the City's initial valuation payment of \$16,911. The settlement agreement specifically states that the final valuation of the portion of the Company's system 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 system to the City upon receipt of the initial valuation payment. The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission also reviewed and acknowledged the transfer of the Certificate of Territorial Authority for the Company's northern system to the City. The proceeds received 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. Depending upon the outcome of the legal proceeding the Company may be required to refund a portion of the initial valuation payment, or may receive additional proceeds. The northern portion of the system relinquished represents approximately 0.5% of the Company's total assets.

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In August 2008, the Company sold a water and wastewater utility system in Illinois for net proceeds of \$10,500, which consisted of \$1,900 in cash and the issuance of a 25-year note receivable of \$8,600 that bears interest at 7.25% and provides for semi-annual principal and interest payments. The sale resulted in the recognition of a gain on the sale of these assets, net of expenses, of \$4,118. The gain is reported in the consolidated statement of income as a reduction to operations and maintenance expense.

Note 3 Long-term Debt and Loans Payable

In May 2008, the Company issued \$15,000 of unsecured notes which are due in 2022 with an interest rate of 5.4%. Proceeds from the sales of these notes were used to repay short-term borrowings.

Note 4 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 options and shares issuable under the forward equity sale agreement (from the date the Company entered into the forward equity sale agreement to the settlement dates) is included in the computation of diluted net income per common share. The dilutive effect of stock options and shares issuable under the forward equity sale agreement is calculated using the treasury stock method and expected proceeds upon exercise of the stock options and settlement of the forward equity sale agreement. The following table summarizes the shares, in thousands, used in computing basic and diluted net income per common share:

|   | Nine Months Ended     |             | Three Months Ended    |             |
|---|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|   | September 30,<br>2008 | 2007        | September 30,<br>2008 | 2007        |
| Average common shares outstanding during the period for basic computation       | 134,013               | 132,675     | 134,932               | 133,003     |
| Effect of dilutive securities:  |                       |             |                       |             |
| Employee stock options  | 410                   | 757         | 347                   | 672         |
| Forward equity shares   |                       | 95          |                       | 159         |
| <br>Average common shares outstanding during the period for diluted computation | <br>134,423           | <br>133,527 | <br>135,279           | <br>133,834 |

For the nine months and three months ended September 30, 2008, employee stock options to purchase 2,217,746 shares of common stock, were excluded from the calculations of diluted net income per share as the calculated proceeds from the options exercise were greater than the average market price of the Company's common stock during these periods. For the nine months and three months ended September 30, 2007, employee stock options to purchase 1,109,581 and 531,731 shares of common stock, respectively, were excluded from the calculations of diluted net income per share as the calculated proceeds from the options exercise were greater than the average market price of the Company's common stock during these periods.

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Note 5 Stockholders' Equity

In August 2006, the Company entered into a forward equity sale agreement for 3,525,000 shares of common stock with a third-party (the forward purchaser) and as of June 27, 2008, no shares remain under contract. In connection with the forward equity sale agreement, the forward purchaser borrowed an equal number of shares of the Company's common stock from stock lenders and sold the borrowed shares to the public. The Company did not receive any proceeds from the sale of its common stock by the forward purchaser until settlement of the shares underlying the forward equity sale agreement. Under the forward equity sale agreement, the Company could elect to settle by means of a physical share settlement, net cash settlement, or net share settlement, on a settlement date or dates, no later than August 1, 2008. The actual proceeds received by the Company varied depending upon the settlement date, the number of shares designated for settlement on that settlement date and the method of settlement. The forward equity sale agreement provided that the forward price would be computed based upon the initial forward price of \$21.857 per share.

In March 2008, the Company elected to perform a net cash settlement under the forward equity sale agreement of 750,000 shares of the Company's common stock, which resulted in a payment of \$2,662 by the forward purchaser to the Company. No shares were issued in connection with the net cash settlement and the payment received was recorded as an increase to common stockholders' equity.

In June 2008, the Company elected to perform a net cash settlement under the forward equity sale agreement of 1,775,000 shares of the Company's common stock, which resulted in a payment of \$8,349 by the forward purchaser to the Company. No shares were issued in connection with the net cash settlement and the payment received was recorded as an increase to common stockholders' equity. Also in June 2008, the Company settled the remaining 1,000,000 shares under the forward equity sale agreement by physical settlement. As a result, the Company issued 1,000,000 shares of common stock and received proceeds from the forward purchaser of \$22,318 or \$22.318 per share. The forward equity sale agreement has now been completely settled and there are no additional shares subject to the forward equity sale agreement. The Company used the proceeds received upon settlement of the forward equity sale agreement to fund the Company's future capital expenditure program and acquisitions, and for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

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**Note 6 Stock-based Compensation**

Under the Company's 2004 Equity Compensation Plan (the "2004 Plan"), as approved by the shareholders to replace the 1994 Equity Compensation Plan (the "1994 Plan"), qualified and nonqualified stock options may be granted to officers, key employees and consultants at prices equal to the market price of the stock on the day of the grant. Officers and key employees may also be granted dividend equivalents and restricted stock. Restricted stock may also be granted to non-employee members of the Board of Directors. The 2004 Plan authorizes 4,900,000 shares for issuance under the plan. A maximum of 50% of the shares available for issuance under the 2004 Plan may be issued as restricted stock and the maximum number of shares that may be subject to grants under the plans to any one individual in any one year is 200,000. Awards under the 2004 Plan are made by a committee of the Board of Directors. At September 30, 2008, 2,432,444 shares underlying stock option and restricted stock awards were still available for grant under the 2004 Plan, although under the terms of the 2004 Plan, terminated, expired or forfeited grants under the 1994 Plan and shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding requirements under the plan may be re-issued under the 2004 Plan.

**Stock Options** During the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, the Company recognized compensation cost associated with stock options as a component of operations and maintenance expense of \$2,243 and \$2,429, respectively. During the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, the Company recognized compensation cost associated with stock options as a component of operations and maintenance expense of \$743 and \$794, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, the Company recognized income tax benefits associated with stock options in its income statement of \$242 and \$378, respectively. For the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, the Company recognized income tax benefits associated with stock options in its income statement of \$91 and \$133, respectively. In addition, the Company capitalized compensation costs associated with stock options within property, plant and equipment of \$306 and \$417 during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007; and \$94 and \$133 during the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The fair value of options was estimated at the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The per share weighted-average fair value at the date of grant for stock options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$4.12 and \$5.52 per option, respectively. There were no stock options granted during the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007. The following assumptions were used in the application of this valuation model:

|                         | 2008  | 2007  |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| Expected term (years)   | 5.2   | 5.2   |
| Risk-free interest rate | 3.0%  | 4.7%  |
| Expected volatility     | 23.7% | 22.5% |
| Dividend yield          | 2.24% | 1.95% |

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Historical information was the principal basis for the selection of the expected term and dividend yield. The expected volatility is based on a weighted-average combination of historical and implied volatilities over a time period that approximates the expected term of the option. The risk-free interest rate was selected based upon the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant for the expected term of the option.

The following table summarizes stock option transactions for the nine months ended September 30, 2008:

|                                    | Shares    | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price | Weighted<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Life (years) | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic<br>Value |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| Options:                           |           |  |  |                                 |
| Outstanding at beginning of period | 3,271,788 | \$ 18.36                                 |  |                                 |
| Granted                            | 622,350   | 20.18                                    |  |                                 |
| Forfeited                          | (56,072)  | 23.18                                    |  |                                 |
| Expired                            | (65,117)  | 23.57                                    |  |                                 |
| Exercised                          | (134,881) | 11.41                                    |  |                                 |
| Outstanding at end of period       | 3,638,068 | \$ 18.76                                 | 6.4  | \$ 6,908                        |
| Exercisable at end of period       | 2,523,535 | \$ 17.11                                 | 5.3  | \$ 6,908                        |

**Restricted Stock** During the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, the Company recorded stock-based compensation related to restricted stock awards as a component of operations and maintenance expense in the amounts of \$699 and \$904, respectively. During the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, the Company recorded stock-based compensation related to restricted stock awards as a component of operations and maintenance expense in the amounts of \$170 and \$194, respectively. The following table summarizes nonvested restricted stock transactions for the nine months ended September 30, 2008:

|   | Number<br>of<br>Shares | Weighted<br>Average<br>Fair Value |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Nonvested shares at beginning of period | 69,445                 | \$ 24.17                          |
| Granted                                 | 51,250                 | 18.79                             |
| Vested                                  | (41,444)               | 21.73                             |
| Forfeited                               | (5,000)                | 23.38                             |
| Nonvested shares at end of period       | 74,251                 | \$ 21.88                          |

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**Note 7 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 Months Ended |          | Three Months Ended |          |
|                                    | September 30,     |          | September 30,      |          |
|                                    | 2008              | 2007     | 2008               | 2007     |
| Service cost                       | \$ 3,358          | \$ 3,679 | \$ 1,052           | \$ 1,201 |
| Interest cost                      | 9,190             | 8,652    | 3,092              | 2,871    |
| Expected return on plan assets     | (9,074)           | (8,378)  | (3,078)            | (2,791)  |
| Amortization of transition asset   | (157)             | (157)    | (53)               | (70)     |
| Amortization of prior service cost | 195               | 202      | 63                 | 108      |
| Amortization of actuarial loss     | 129               | 555      | 1                  | (239)    |
| Capitalized costs                  | (1,972)           | (1,969)  | (685)              | (679)    |
| Net periodic benefit cost          | \$ 1,669          | \$ 2,584 | \$ 392             | \$ 401   |

|                                       | Other<br>Postretirement Benefits |         |                    |        |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|--------------------|--------|
|                                       | Nine Months Ended                |         | Three Months Ended |        |
|                                       | September 30,                    |         | September 30,      |        |
|                                       | 2008                             | 2007    | 2008               | 2007   |
| Service cost                          | \$ 813                           | \$ 855  | \$ 271             | \$ 286 |
| Interest cost                         | 1,632                            | 1,510   | 544                | 504    |
| Expected return on plan assets        | (1,344)                          | (1,127) | (448)              | (376)  |
| Amortization of transition obligation | 78                               | 78      | 26                 | (143)  |
| Amortization of prior service cost    | (210)                            | (211)   | (70)               | (12)   |
| Amortization of actuarial loss        | 174                              | 230     | 58                 | 135    |
| Amortization of regulatory asset      | 103                              | 114     | 34                 | 38     |
| Capitalized costs                     | (390)                            | (690)   | (135)              | (236)  |
| Net periodic benefit cost             | \$ 856                           | \$ 759  | \$ 280             | \$ 196 |

The Company made cash contributions of \$10,719 to its defined benefit pension plans during the first nine months of 2008 and intends to make cash contributions of \$1,646 to the plans during the remainder of 2008. In addition, the Company made a cash contribution of \$2,132 to its other postretirement benefit plans during the first nine months of 2008 and expects to make additional cash contributions of approximately \$828 for the funding of the plans during the remainder of 2008.



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The Company's pension plan asset investment strategy is to earn a reasonable rate of return while maintaining risk at acceptable levels through the diversification of investments across and within various asset categories. However, as a result of the general market downturn in 2008 to date, the Company's pension plans' asset market values have suffered a decline and experienced significant volatility. As a result of this asset decline, the Company's required cash contributions and pension expense may increase in 2009. The amount of the incremental increase will depend on market performance and interest rates (in connection with the Company's discount rate) during the fourth quarter of 2008. The Company does not anticipate these changes will materially impact its liquidity or overall financial position.

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Note 8 Water and Wastewater Rates

On July 31, 2008, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission granted the Company's operating subsidiary in Pennsylvania a water rate increase designed to increase total operating revenues by \$34,428, on an annualized basis. The rates in effect at the time of the filing included \$14,269 in Distribution System Improvement Charges ( DSIC ) or 5% above prior base rates. Consequently, the total base rates increased by \$48,697, and the DSIC was reset to zero. During the first nine months of 2008, certain of the Company's operating divisions in New Jersey, Illinois, Ohio, North Carolina, Florida, Virginia, Missouri, and Maine were granted rate increases designed to increase total operating revenues on an annual basis by approximately \$12,900. In addition, effective October 1, 2008, certain of the Company's operating divisions in Indiana and Florida were granted rate increases designed to increase total operating revenues on an annual basis by approximately \$5,145.

On September 23, 2008, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ( TCEQ ) issued its final ruling approving the rate application that was filed in 2004 by the Company's operating subsidiaries in Texas. The rate award was designed to increase rates, on an annualized basis, by \$11,920 over a multi-year period beginning in 2004. The application sought to increase annual revenues in phases and was accompanied by a plan to defer and amortize a portion of the Company's depreciation, operating and other tax expense over a similar multi-year period, such that the impact on operating income approximated the requested amount during the first years that the new rates were in effect. The Company commenced billing for the requested rates and implemented the deferral plan in 2004. As a result of the final order, the regulatory asset for the deferred operating costs and rate case expenses was set at \$13,697, an amount that was \$1,590 lower than the book balance, resulting in an expense adjustment in the third quarter of 2008. Beginning January 1, 2009, the regulatory asset for the deferred operating costs and rate case expense will be recovered through two twenty-four month surcharge mechanisms. The final order has been appealed to the TCEQ by two parties. The additional revenue billed and collected in connection with the case are subject to refund based on the outcome of the appeal. The revenue recognized and the expenses deferred by the Company reflect an estimate of the final outcome of the case. As of September 30, 2008, the Company has deferred \$10,946 of operating costs and \$2,751 of rate case expenses and recognized \$33,717 of revenue that is subject to refund based on the outcome of any appeals. Based on the Company's review of the present circumstances, no reserve is considered necessary for the revenue recognized to date.

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Note 9 Taxes Other than Income Taxes

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

|                                      | Nine Months Ended |           | Three Months Ended |           |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
|                                      | September 30,     |           | September 30,      |           |
|                                      | 2008              | 2007      | 2008               | 2007      |
| Property                             | \$ 18,879         | \$ 17,812 | \$ 5,971           | \$ 5,732  |
| Capital Stock                        | 2,304             | 2,573     | 763                | 862       |
| Gross receipts, excise and franchise | 5,866             | 5,982     | 2,088              | 2,048     |
| Payroll                              | 4,837             | 5,171     | 1,460              | 1,536     |
| Other                                | 2,225             | 2,058     | 875                | 671       |
| Total taxes other than income        | \$ 34,111         | \$ 33,596 | \$ 11,157          | \$ 10,849 |

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**Note 10 Segment Information**

The Company has identified fourteen operating segments and has one reportable segment named the Regulated segment. The reportable segment is comprised of thirteen 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, one segment is not quantitatively significant to be reportable and is comprised of the businesses that provide on-site septic tank pumping, sludge hauling services and certain other non-regulated water and wastewater services. This segment is 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 tables present the Company's segment information:

|                                    | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, 2008 |          |              | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, 2007 |          |              |
|------------------------------------|--|----------|--------------|--|----------|--------------|
|                                    | Regulated                                | Other    | Consolidated | Regulated                                | Other    | Consolidated |
| Operating revenues                 | \$ 174,037                               | \$ 3,061 | \$ 177,098   | \$ 162,186                               | \$ 3,305 | \$ 165,491   |
| Operations and maintenance expense | 63,999                                   | 2,744    | 66,743       | 64,920                                   | 2,149    | 67,069       |
| Depreciation                       | 22,465                                   | 344      | 22,809       | 21,521                                   | (456)    | 21,065       |
| Operating income (loss)            | 74,887                                   | (313)    | 74,574       | 63,989                                   | 1,358    | 65,347       |
| Interest expense, net of AFUDC     | 15,590                                   | 448      | 16,038       | 15,195                                   | 1,253    | 16,448       |
| Income tax                         | 23,845                                   | (157)    | 23,688       | 19,886                                   | (245)    | 19,641       |
| Net income (loss)                  | 35,662                                   | (282)    | 35,380       | 29,161                                   | 357      | 29,518       |

|                                    | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, 2008 |          |              | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, 2007 |          |              |
|------------------------------------|---|----------|--------------|---|----------|--------------|
|                                    | Regulated                               | Other    | Consolidated | Regulated                               | Other    | Consolidated |
| Operating revenues                 | \$ 458,110                              | \$ 9,022 | \$ 467,132   | \$ 443,800                              | \$ 9,616 | \$ 453,416   |
| Operations and maintenance expense | 188,502                                 | 7,691    | 196,193      | 183,440                                 | 7,258    | 190,698      |
| Depreciation                       | 66,152                                  | (1,243)  | 64,909       | 63,016                                  | (1,359)  | 61,657       |
| Operating income                   | 166,341                                 | 1,578    | 167,919      | 161,075                                 | 2,787    | 163,862      |
| Interest expense, net of AFUDC     | 46,583                                  | 1,592    | 48,175       | 45,076                                  | 2,899    | 47,975       |
| Income tax                         | 48,802                                  | (226)    | 48,576       | 47,477                                  | (1,045)  | 46,432       |
| Net income                         | 71,715                                  | 538      | 72,253       | 69,115                                  | 988      | 70,103       |
| Capital expenditures               | 187,906                                 | 157      | 188,063      | 174,089                                 | 1,694    | 175,783      |

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|                        | September 30,<br>2008 | December 31,<br>2007 |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Total assets:          |                       |                      |
| Regulated              | \$ 3,369,468          | \$ 3,223,681         |
| Other and eliminations | (5,429)               | 3,231                |
| Consolidated           | \$ 3,364,039          | \$ 3,226,912         |

**Note 11 Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In May 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 162, The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. SFAS No. 162 identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles to be used in the preparation of financial statements of nongovernmental entities that are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). This statement intends to improve financial reporting by simplifying the GAAP hierarchy. It is effective 60 days following the SEC's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) amendments to AU Section 411, The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. The Company believes that this pronouncement will not have an effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations, consolidated financial position or consolidated cash flows.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133. SFAS No. 161 is intended to improve financial reporting about derivative instruments and hedging activities by requiring enhanced disclosures to enable investors to better understand their effects on an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. It is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. The Company believes that this pronouncement will not have an effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations, consolidated financial position or consolidated cash flows.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), Business Combinations, which replaces SFAS No. 141. SFAS No. 141(R) establishes principles for recognizing assets and liabilities acquired in a business combination, contractual contingencies and certain acquired contingencies to be measured at their fair values at the acquisition date. This statement requires that acquisition-related costs and restructuring costs be recognized separately from the business combination. SFAS No. 141(R) is effective for the Company's fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009. With the adoption of SFAS No. 141(R), the Company's accounting for business combinations will change on a prospective basis beginning with transactions closing in the first quarter of 2009.

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In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements an amendment of ARB No. 51. This statement establishes accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary, the amount of consolidated net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest, changes in a parent's ownership interest and the valuation of retained noncontrolling equity investments when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. This statement requires expanded disclosures in the consolidated financial statements that clearly identify and distinguish between the interest of the parent and the interest of the noncontrolling owners. SFAS No. 160 is effective for the Company's fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009. The Company believes this statement will not have a material impact on its consolidated results of operations or consolidated financial position. In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. This statement permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The objective is to improve financial reporting by providing entities with the opportunity to mitigate volatility in reported earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex hedging accounting provisions. The Company adopted SFAS No. 159 as required on January 1, 2008, and did not elect the fair value option for any of its existing financial assets and liabilities. The adoption of this statement did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated results of operations or consolidated financial position. In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements. This statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The statement applies when other statements require or permit the fair value measurement of assets and liabilities. This statement does not expand the use of fair value measurement. In February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. 157-2, Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157 (FSP 157-2). FSP 157-2 delays the effective date of SFAS No. 157 for certain non-financial assets and liabilities to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. The Company adopted SFAS No. 157 as required on January 1, 2008 for all financial assets and liabilities, and this statement did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated results of operations or consolidated financial position. The Company believes the adoption of SFAS No. 157 on all non financial assets and liabilities will not have a material impact on its consolidated results of operations or consolidated financial position.

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation

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**Forward-looking Statements**

*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 use of cash; projected capital expenditures; liquidity; possible acquisitions and other growth ventures; the completion of various construction projects; the projected timing and annual value of rate increases; the recovery of certain costs and capital investments through rate increase requests; the projected effects of recent accounting pronouncements, as well as information contained elsewhere in this report where statements are preceded by, followed by or include the words believes, expects, anticipates, plans, intends, will, continue or similar expressions. These statements are based on a number of assumptions concerning future events, and are subject to a number of uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside our control. Actual results may differ materially from such statements for a number of reasons, including the effects of regulation, abnormal weather, changes in capital requirements and funding, acquisitions, and our ability to assimilate acquired operations. In addition to these uncertainties or factors, our future results may be affected by the factors and risk factors set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. 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 approximately 3 million people in Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina, Illinois, Texas, New Jersey, New York, Florida, Indiana, Virginia, Maine, Missouri, and South Carolina. Our largest operating subsidiary, Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc., provides water or wastewater services to approximately one-half of the total number of people we serve, which are located in the suburban areas north and west of the City of Philadelphia and in 23 other counties in Pennsylvania. Our other subsidiaries provide similar services in 12 other states. In addition, we provide water and wastewater service through operating and maintenance contracts with municipal authorities and other parties, and septage hauling services, close to our utility companies' service territories. Aqua America, 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. In the early 1990's we 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 New York Water Service Corporation in 2007. Since the early 1990's, our business strategy has been primarily directed toward the regulated water and wastewater utility industry and has extended the company's regulated operations from southeastern Pennsylvania to include operations in 12 other states.

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Financial Condition

During the first nine months of 2008, we had \$188,063 of capital expenditures, repaid debt and made sinking fund contributions and other loan repayments of \$37,444, and repaid \$2,996 of customer advances for construction. 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. At September 30, 2008, we had \$15,968 of cash and cash equivalents compared to \$14,540 at December 31, 2007. During the first nine months of 2008, we used the proceeds from the issuance of common stock, internally generated funds, available working capital, the proceeds of \$22,318 from the physical settlement of a portion of the forward equity sale agreement, the proceeds of \$11,011 from the net cash settlements of a portion of the forward equity sale agreement, the proceeds of \$16,911 from the transfer to the City of Fort Wayne of the northern portion of our utility system in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the proceeds of \$1,900 from the sale of a utility system in Illinois to fund the cash requirements discussed above and to pay dividends. In May, 2008, we issued \$15,000 of unsecured notes due in 2022, with an interest rate of 5.4%. We used the proceeds from the issuance of these notes to repay short-term borrowings. At September 30, 2008, our \$95,000 unsecured revolving credit facility, that expires May 2012, has \$31,571 available for borrowing. At September 30, 2008, we had short-term lines of credit of \$154,000, of which \$50,931 was available. One of our short-term lines of credit is an Aqua Pennsylvania \$70,000 364-day unsecured revolving credit facility with four banks. This facility is used to provide working capital and expires in December 2008. In addition, we have \$42,000 of bank credit lines maturing in November and December 2008. We are currently discussing the renewal of these facilities with the participating banks. 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, as a result of the recent credit and liquidity crisis in the United States which has caused substantial volatility in capital markets, including credit markets and the banking industry. Current conditions in the credit market have increased the cost and significantly reduced the availability of credit from financing sources, which may continue or worsen in the future. In the event these facilities are not renewed and the borrowings are called for repayment, we would have to seek alternative financing sources, although there can be no assurance that these alternative financing sources would be available on terms acceptable to us. In the longer term, if we are unable 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. A reduction in our capital expenditures over an extended period of time may impact our ability to increase earnings.

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Our pension plan asset investment strategy is to earn a reasonable rate of return while maintaining risk at acceptable levels through the diversification of investments across and within various asset categories. However, as a result of the general market downturn in 2008 to date, our pension plans' asset market values have suffered a decline and experienced significant volatility. As a result of this decline, our required cash contributions and pension expense may increase in 2009. The amount of the incremental increase will depend on market performance and interest rates (in connection with our discount rate) during the fourth quarter of 2008. We do not anticipate these changes will materially impact our liquidity or overall financial position.

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, assuming renewal of expiring credit facilities in the fourth quarter of 2008, 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 the balance of the year and beyond.

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Results of Operations

Analysis of First Nine Months of 2008 Compared to First Nine Months of 2007

Revenues for the first nine months increased \$13,716 or 3.0% primarily due to additional revenues of \$11,360 resulting from increased water and wastewater rates received by various operating subsidiaries, additional revenues of \$4,241 associated with acquisitions, and infrastructure rehabilitation surcharges of \$1,932, offset by the loss of utility revenues of \$2,933 associated with utility systems sold, and decreased water consumption as compared to the first nine months of 2007. We believe the decrease in water consumption is due to unfavorable weather conditions experienced by our customers, principally during the first half of 2008.

Operations and maintenance expenses increased by \$5,495 or 2.9% primarily due to additional expenses associated with acquisitions of \$1,912, an increase in fuel costs to fuel our service vehicles of \$1,363, additional bad debt expense of \$1,240, higher water production costs of \$1,065 due to price increases, and normal increases in other operating costs, offset partially by the gain on sale of our utility system in Woodhaven, Illinois of \$4,118, and reduced expenses of \$1,805 associated with the dispositions of our utility systems sold.

Depreciation expense increased \$3,252 or 5.3% reflecting the utility plant placed in service since September 30, 2007. Amortization increased \$397 or 11.0% due to the amortization of the costs associated with, and other costs being recovered in, various rate filings.

Taxes other than income taxes increased by \$515 or 1.5% due to additional property taxes associated with an increase in the taxable value of property, offset partially by decreases in payroll, capital stock, and gross receipts, excise and franchise taxes.

Interest expense increased by \$1,114 or 2.2% primarily due to additional borrowings to finance capital projects, offset by a decrease in interest rates on short-term borrowings. Our need to borrow funds to finance capital projects was partially reduced by the funds provided from the physical and net cash settlements of the forward equity sale agreement, and the proceeds received from the utility systems sold.

Allowance for funds used during construction ( AFUDC ) increased by \$914 primarily due to an increase in the average balance of utility plant construction work in progress to which AFUDC is applied.

Gain on sale of other assets totaled \$1,085 during the first nine months of 2008 and \$648 during the first nine months of 2007. The increase of \$437 is due to the timing of sales of land and other property.

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Our effective income tax rate was 40.2% during the first nine months of 2008 and 39.8% during the first nine months of 2007. The effective income tax rate increased due to the absence of a tax credit for qualified domestic production activities in the first nine months of 2008 versus the same period in 2007 for which a tax credit was recorded. Net income for the first nine months increased by \$2,150 or 3.1%, in comparison to the same period in 2007 primarily as a result of the factors described above. On a diluted per share basis, earnings increased by \$0.01 reflecting the change in net income and a 0.7% 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 dividend reinvestment plan, the issuance of shares associated with the physical settlement of a portion of the forward equity sale agreement, and our employee stock and incentive plan.

Analysis of Third Quarter of 2008 Compared to Third Quarter of 2007

Revenues for the quarter increased \$11,607 or 7.0% primarily due to additional revenues associated with increased water and wastewater rates of \$8,830, additional wastewater and water revenues of \$1,593 associated with a larger customer base due to acquisitions, and an increase in water consumption compared to the third quarter of 2007, offset partially by the loss of utility revenues of \$1,200 associated with utility systems sold. We believe the increase in water consumption is due to favorable weather conditions experienced by our customers during the third quarter of 2008. Operations and maintenance expenses decreased by \$326 or 0.5% primarily due to the gain on sale of our utility system in Woodhaven, Illinois of \$4,118, and reduced expenses of \$638 associated with the dispositions of utility systems, offset by increases in water production costs of \$1,217, an increase in fuel costs to fuel our service vehicles of \$632, costs associated with acquisitions of \$472, and normal increases in other operating costs. The increased water production costs, principally purchased power and chemicals, were associated with vendor price increases and higher water production.

Depreciation expense increased \$1,744 or 8.3% reflecting the utility plant placed in service since September 30, 2007. Amortization increased \$654 or 56.3% due to the amortization of the costs associated with, and other costs being recovered in, various rate filings.

Taxes other than income taxes increased by \$308 or 2.8% due to additional property taxes associated with an increase in the taxable value of property, offset partially by a decrease in capital stock, and payroll taxes.

Interest expense decreased by \$89 or 0.5% primarily due to decreased interest rates on short-term borrowings and long-term debt, offset partially by additional borrowings to finance capital projects.

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Allowance for funds used during construction ( AFUDC ) increased by \$321 primarily due to an increase in the average balance of utility plant construction work in progress, to which AFUDC is applied.

Gain on sale of other assets totaled \$532 in the third quarter of 2008 and \$260 in the third quarter of 2007. The increase of \$272 is due to the timing of sales of land and other property.

Our effective income tax rate was 40.1% in the third quarter of 2008 and 40.0% in the third quarter of 2007. The effective income tax rate increased due to the absence of a tax credit for qualified domestic production activities in the third quarter of 2008 versus the same period in 2007 for which a tax credit was recorded.

Net income for the quarter increased by \$5,862 or 19.9%, in comparison to the same period in 2007 primarily as a result of the factors described above. On a diluted per share basis, earnings increased \$0.04 reflecting the change in net income 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 issued related to the physical settlement of a portion of the forward equity sale agreement, and the additional shares sold or issued through our dividend reinvestment plan and our employee stock and incentive plan.

Impact of Recent Accounting Pronouncements

We describe the impact of recent accounting pronouncements in Note 11, *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, 2007. Refer to Item 7A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 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**

In 2004, our subsidiaries in Texas filed an application with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to increase rates over a multi-year period. On September 23, 2008, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality issued its final ruling approving this rate application. The final order has been appealed by several parties who had previously joined the proceeding to challenge this rate request. In accordance with authorization from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, our subsidiaries commenced billing for the requested rates and deferred recognition of certain expenses for financial statement purposes. In the event the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's final order is overturned on appeal, completely or in part, we could be required to refund some or all of the revenue billed to-date, and write-off some or all of the regulatory asset for the expense deferral. For more information, see the description under the section captioned "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Results of Operations" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, and refer to "Note 8 - Water and Wastewater Rates" to the Consolidated Financial Statements of Aqua America, Inc. and subsidiaries in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008.

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The City of Fort Wayne, Indiana has authorized the acquisition by eminent domain of the northern portion of the utility system of one of the operating subsidiaries in Indiana. We had challenged whether the City was following the correct legal procedures in connection with the City's condemnation, but the State Supreme Court, in an opinion issued in June 2007, supported the City's position. In October 2007, the City's Board of Public Works approved proceeding with its process to condemn the northern portion of our utility system at a preliminary price based on the City's valuation. We filed an appeal with the Allen County Circuit Court challenging the Board of Public Works' valuation on several bases. In November 2007, the City Council authorized the taking of this portion of our system and the payment of \$16,910,500 based on the City's valuation of the system. In January 2008, we reached a settlement agreement with the City to transition this portion of the system in February 2008 upon receipt of the City's initial valuation payment of \$16,910,500. The settlement agreement specifically states that the final valuation of the system 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 system to the City upon receipt of the initial valuation payment. The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission also reviewed and acknowledged the transfer of the Certificate of Territorial Authority for our northern system to the City. The proceeds received 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. Depending upon the outcome of the legal proceeding, we may be required to refund a portion of the initial valuation payment, or may receive additional proceeds. The northern portion of the system relinquished represents approximately 0.5% of Aqua America's total assets.

There are no other pending legal proceedings to which we or any of our subsidiaries is a party or to which any of their properties is the subject that are material or are expected to have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**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, 2007 ( Form 10-K ) under Part 1, Item 1A Risk Factors . The risks described in our Form 10-K are not the only risks facing the Company. Additional risks that we do not presently know or that we currently believe are immaterial could also impair our business, financial position, or future results and prospects.

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Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table summarizes Aqua America's purchases of its common stock for the quarter ended September 30, 2008:

| Period                 | Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities |                              |  | Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plan or Programs (2) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
|                        | Total Number of Shares Purchased (1)  | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs |   |
| July 1 - 31, 2008      |                                       | \$                           |  | 548,278   |
| August 1 - 31, 2008    |                                       | \$                           |  | 548,278   |
| September 1 - 30, 2008 | 182                                   | \$ 17.89                     |  | 548,278   |
| Total                  | 182                                   | \$ 17.89                     |  | 548,278   |

(1) These amounts consist of shares we purchased from our 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 plans is available to all employees who receive option grants 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 prior to the option exercise.

- (2) On August 5, 1997, our Board of Directors authorized a common stock repurchase program that was publicly announced on August 7, 1997, for up to 1,007,351 shares. No repurchases have been made under this program since 2000. The program has no fixed expiration date. The number of shares authorized for purchase was

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result of the  
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Item 6. Exhibits

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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 7, 2008

AQUA AMERICA, INC.  
Registrant

NICHOLAS DEBENEDICTIS

Nicholas DeBenedictis  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

DAVID P. SMELTZER

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Chief Financial Officer

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