



## **Aquarion Water, Arlington Homes, LLC, and Valleywood, LLC Seek PURA and DPH Approval for Aquarion Water to Acquire the Assets of Arlington Acres and Pleasure Valley Systems**

In Docket No. 17-08-10, Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut (Aquarion) sought the approval of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) for the \$166,380 purchase of the Arlington Acres and Pleasure Valley water systems. The joint PURA and DPH [Decision](#), dated January 30, 2019, stated that any amount paid over \$80,000 will not be allowed to be recovered in rates. PURA rejected the acquisition price agreed on by the parties, while approving the transfer of the assets to Aquarion. The Decision denied \$86,380 of the \$166,380 purchase price requested.

Aquarion offered the above price for the systems without the appropriate regulatory documentation and/or accounting records for the properties that it is purchasing. The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) argued that the transaction should be rejected, because the seller failed to provide the appropriate documentation for the transaction. Without the appropriate documents, it is not clear what the value of the two systems should be. Paying too much for the systems would result in all other customers of Aquarion subsidizing the systems, depending on the actual condition of the systems. OCC is seeking fairness to all customers of Aquarion as well as preventing or minimizing any subsidy.



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