

DEBENEDICTIS NICHOLAS  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**DEBENEDICTIS NICHOLAS**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AQUA AMERICA INC [WTR]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**762 W LANCASTER AVE.**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/22/2010**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**CHAIRMAN & PRESIDENT**

(Street)  
**BRYN MAWR, PA 19010**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/03/2009	03/03/2009	G	V 8,466 D \$ 0 0		D	
Common Stock	06/16/2009	06/16/2009	G	V 120 D \$ 0 0		D	
Common Stock	10/22/2009	10/22/2009	G	V 63 D \$ 0 0		D	
Common Stock	12/21/2009	12/21/2009	G	V 1,263 D \$ 0 0		D	
Common Stock	12/04/2009	12/04/2009	G	V <u>30,000</u> <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 0 0		D	

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Common Stock Ownership By Spouse	12/04/2009	12/04/2009	G	V	30,000	A	\$ 0	0	I	Spouse
Common Stock	12/18/2009	12/18/2009	G	V	<u>120,000</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 0	0	D	
Common Stock-GRAT	12/18/2009	12/18/2009	G	V	120,000	A	\$ 0	120,000	I	GRAT
Common Stock Ownership By Spouse	12/21/2009	12/21/2009	G	V	<u>30,000</u> <sup>(3)</sup>	D	\$ 0	0	I	Spouse
Common Stock-GRAT	12/21/2009	12/21/2009	G	V	30,000	A	\$ 0	30,000	I	GRAT-Spouse
Common Stock	01/22/2010	01/22/2010	A		<u>22,000</u> <sup>(4)</sup>	A	\$ 17.14	476,655	D	
Common Stock - Ira								3,747.18 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	
Common Stock - Ira								2,996.47 <sup>(6)</sup>	I	IRA - Spouse
Common Stock 401k								13,281.7346 <sup>(7)</sup>	I	401k

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Options (Right to	\$ 17.14	01/22/2010	01/22/2010	A	55,000 <sup>(8)</sup>	01/22/2011	01/22/2020	Common Stock	55,000

Buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEBENEDICTIS NICHOLAS 762 W LANCASTER AVE. BRYN MAWR, PA 19010	X		CHAIRMAN & PRESIDENT	

## Signatures

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

01/26/2010

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) This transaction involves a gift of 30,000 shares by the reporting person to his spouse.  
On December 18, 2009, the reporting person contributed 120,000 shares to a grantor retained annuity trust (the "GRAT). These shares
- (2) were previously reported as directly beneficially owned by the reporting person but are now reported as indirectly beneficially owned by the reporting person by virtue of his serving as trustee of the GRAT and his pecuniary interest in the retained annuity provided therein.  
On December 21, 2009, the reporting person's spouse contributed 30,000 shares to a GRAT. These shares are reported as indirectly
- (3) owned by the reporting person by virtue of his spouse serving as trustee of the GRAT and her pecuniary interest in the retained annuity provided therein.
- (4) Grant of 22,000 shares of restricted stock which vest one-third each year on the anniversary of the grant, subject to meeting performance criteria.
- (5) Includes 190.585 shares acquired under the Issuer's dividend reinvestment plan since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report.
- (6) Includes 70.27 shares acquired under the Issuer's dividend reinvestment plan since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report.
- (7) Since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report, the reporting person acquired 208.0746 shares under the Issuer's 401k Plan.
- (8) Grant of 55,000 shares of stock options which vest one-third each year on the anniversary of the grant.

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