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May 17, 2021

Mr. Terrence D. McCracken
Secretary to the Authority
Erie County Water Authority
3030 Union Road
Buffalo, NY 14227

Re: Town Water System
Conversion to Direct Service

Dear Mr. McCracken,

As you know, the water system in the Town of Lancaster is owned by the Town and operated by the Authority under a Lease Management Agreement. We have had preliminary discussions with your staff, and we have determined that transferring ownership of the water system to the Authority through a Direct Service Agreement is in the best interest of the Town. We understand that the first step in this process is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town and Authority which outlines the requirements for Direct Service. We also understand that the main obligation of the Town will be to complete watermain replacements per your recommendations. The Town has already initiated this process.

We therefore request that the Authority provide us with a MOU for review and approval by the Town Board. This is a significant project for the Town, and we therefore request a seven-year time frame to complete the watermain replacements. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Ronald Ruffino Sr.
Town Supervisor

cc: Diane Terranova, Town Clerk
Kevin Loftus, Town Attorney
Edward Schiller, PE, Town Engineer
Leonard Kowalski, PE, Executive Engineer, ECWA