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Mr. Leonard F. Kowalski, P.E.
Executive Engineer
Erie County Water Authority
3030 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

**Re: Town of West Seneca
Transfer of Water Service to ECWA**

Dear Mr. Kowalski:

As you know, the Town of West Seneca's water system is divided into two areas: one managed by the Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) under the Lease Manage Agreement and the other as a Direct Service area. Approximately every two years, ECWA provides the Town with a list of recommended water main improvements within the Lease Managed area based on breaks and leak history. Over the years, the Town has made numerous improvements from these lists but the number of replacements has remained fairly consistent due to the addition of other replacements.

In 2023, the Town of West Seneca established an overlay water district encompassing all existing eight (8) individual water districts (Water Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9) within the Lease Manage area to help spread out the financial impact to water customers for the improvements within each individual water district.

The Town of West Seneca's intention is to convert the remaining Lease Manage area to Direct Service. We understand that this requires completing all the recommended water main replacements and potentially making other improvements and upgrades within the water system. Given the magnitude of the project and expected financial impact to water customers, the Town is planning to complete the work in phases over several years instead of a single large project. This approach would allow the Town to take advantage of various grant and funding opportunities to help reduce costs, minimizing the financial burden on the water customers. Once all the required improvements are complete within a particular district, we would then like to convert the individual district from Lease Manage to Direct Service.

Our goal is to prepare an Engineering Report which outlines the necessary water main replacements and other upgrades needed for the transfer for service including preliminary costs and a phased schedule for transferring the Lease Manage areas to Direct Service water district by water district. For planning purposes, we would like to determine the total estimated project costs based on the current list of water main replacement projects and the costs for all other improvements that are required for the transfer service to ECWA.

Please provide the Town with an updated list of water main replacement projects, a list of any other improvements that are needed for the transfer and confirm if this phased transfer approach is acceptable.

Upon your review, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or if you need any additional information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason A. Foote". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "F".

Jason A. Foote, P.E.
Town Engineer

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