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NORTHAMPTON, BUCKS COUNTY, MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Public Announcement dated October 6, 2016

Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority ("Northampton Authority" or "Authority") entered into a Wholesale Water Agreement with Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority ("Bucks Authority") which was adopted in 2011. The Agreement states that Bucks Authority conveys water only from Forest Park Water Treatment Plant ("Forest Park"). It has been brought to this Authority's attention earlier this week by Herb Schoell, Manager of Upper Southampton Municipal Authority ("Upper South"), that waters originating from Forest Park are being comingled with ground waters of public wells owned and operated by Upper South.

This information from Upper South is a serious concern of this Authority for two reasons. The first is our Wholesale Water Agreement specifically states that our water is provided by Forest Park. The second is that because the water is comingled and not from one point source we have no assurance that the water is up to quality expectations. As contracted, the single point source of Forest Park provides assurances to the Authority and our ratepayers, that a comingled wholesale water source supplier cannot provide. Analytical data from the ground water wells in Upper South is unknown at this time.

Forest Park is a state of the art water treatment facility that combines conventional treatment processes with advanced technologies, including ozone disinfection and membrane filtration

technology. The combination of traditional and innovative water treatment allows Forest Park to produce the safest, highest quality water possible.

In order to provide an immediate explanation addressing these concerns this Authority has reached out to Bucks Authority's Chief of Operations, John Butler, to clarify that the water system through which Northampton Authority receives its wholesale water from, Forest Park, is the sole source as agreed. To date, Bucks Authority has been nonresponsive.

At the Board Meeting on October 5, 2016, Northampton Authority's Board authorized that the Authority's staff seek out a timely resolution from Bucks Authority and if not to proceed with any and all necessary action to protect the safety and welfare of the community and our ratepayers.

Additionally, in the spirit of open communication and transparency, Northampton Authority's Board endorsed the preparation and release of this public announcement regarding the Authority's serious concerns.



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