

Dear Editor:

In "Marinette: No plans to extend water, wastewater lines," and "Town blindsided by JCI, DNR water plan," both journalists write that officials in Marinette and Peshtigo were surprised by Johnson Controls/Tyco's proposed plan to connect Peshtigo residents to the Marinette municipal water system at Tyco's expense.

Connecting to the Marinette municipal water supply makes the most sense because it provides a long-term, safe, and reliable solution with limited upkeep costs for residents. The only new information we announced at the community meeting last week was that we were committing to fully funding the cost of constructing the pipeline. Before the meeting, we talked to a number of city and town officials about our proposed plan. Last week, we were also grateful for the participation of many residents and officials at our community meeting where this proposal was discussed, along with the overall progress of the project.

As we stated a number of times at the meeting, this proposal is still in initial planning and no formal agreement has been made with the City of Marinette and the Township of Peshtigo. But the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources fully supports the plan. As I said at last week's community meeting, "Currently, we're still in the design phase. As we proceed through 2019, we'll have additional information on where the line is located and the amount of residents that will be hooked up to the line."

Cooperation and collaboration with community leaders is essential to getting approval for this solution. We will keep having the conversations needed to get that approval and make sure that people have safe and reliable drinking water.

Sincerely,

John Perkins
Tyco/Johnson Controls
Vice President, Environmental Health Safety