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Dear Neighbor,

Connecting affected residences and businesses in the Township of Peshtigo to the City of Marinette's water system is the best long-term solution for providing them with clean, safe drinking water. However, we recognize that there are some questions in the community about this solution, which we want to address in this letter.

To evaluate all the options, we hired Arcadis, a company that has worked on more than 300 PFAS-related sites across the globe over the last 15 years, including our Fire Technology Center in Marinette. We secured their support with this project because we wanted the best. They brought in environmental consultants and engineers to determine what would be the best and quickest solution for residents. As part of their review, they looked primarily at a solution that would be viable for all impacted Town of Peshtigo residents. It also had to be a long-term, cost-neutral and sustainable solution for residents. Based on their comprehensive review – as well as their experience – they determined that the best water source is the City of Marinette.

Among other things, Arcadis' evaluation revealed a number of reasons why hooking up to the municipal water line from the City of Peshtigo is an inadequate option. The nearest connection is five miles farther than the City of Marinette connections. That is a significant distance to cover and it would require the laying of at least an additional five miles of pipe, which would need to cross several miles of town roads, county roads, and possibly state roads, a railroad, and wetlands. The distance would also require construction of a water tower in the affected area, adding considerable and unknowable delays to the arrival of clean water.

The additional permitting, design, and access approvals would add years to the project. We can't force a railroad to let us dig under their tracks for a pipe. A private resident might not want us on their property. A marshland could be protected by the government, meaning we would have to conduct months of studies before getting approvals. Navigating all these unknowns and others could create significant complications, setbacks, and delays.

Finally, we have brought onto our team Steven E. Wolfe, a well-known Marinette resident and attorney, to help facilitate communications with local government officials so that we are fully informed of the community's information needs when the water supply is an agenda item at upcoming public meetings.

We want to move forward with the Marinette water line option quickly because we want to provide residents with a permanent and sustainable solution as soon as possible. Our goal is to do everything we can to bring long-term clean drinking water to residents that have been impacted by this issue. We have reserved the funds already and the engineers and construction team are standing by to move swiftly. We're doing everything we can to move forward and prevent delays, and we need your support to ensure the water line will be operational in 2020.

We will continue to share updates on our progress here and, as always, you can reach us at 800-314-1381 or 715-582-7100.

Very truly yours,



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