Memo

To: David Twiggs, COO General Manager
From: Jason Charles Temple, PE, Director of Public Works
       Linda Mayhood, Assistant General Manager
Date: June 17, 2015
Re: Request from Paron Owensville Water Authority for an Emergency Connection

Per the Board of Director’s approval on January 27, 2015 to pursue surplus wholesale water sales, the Public Works Department began discussions with Paron Owensville Water Authority (POWA) about a future long-term Wholesale Water Agreement. A draft version of a Wholesale Water Agreement is currently being developed for review/approval by both boards in the near future.

Attached is a letter from POWA requesting an emergency water connection with Hot Springs Village. Due to the recent heavy rainfall events, the raw water supply to POWA from Lake Winona became too high in turbidity for POWA’s water treatment plant to manage. POWA purchased water from North Garland County Regional Water Supply in the interim.

The proposed location for the connection will be at the intersection of Highway 5 and DeSoto Blvd on the Bank of the Ozarks side. This location has a water line from Hot Springs Village that used to feed the old concrete plant and this line also crosses a water main from POWA. The connection will be limited to a 2-inch water metered connection thus restricting the flow to that of a small rural water line and operational only upon request. The cost of the meter installation is approximately $2,000 and will be paid for by the POWA.

The emergency connection would include a base charge of $30.00 per month plus a charge of $4.00/1,000 gallons billed bimonthly for any water used.

Staff recommends the POA assist Paron Owensville Water Authority with an emergency water connection as a temporary measure until a future long-term agreement can be agreed on and approved at a later date.
May 20, 2015

Jason Temple
895 Desoto Blvd
Hot Springs Village AR 71909

Dear Jason,

As we have discussed previously, Paron-Owensville Water is dealing with a ten-year rain event that has sent the turbidity at Lake Winona above 35 NTU. That is double what our plant can handle by design. We are going to attempt to start filtering again this week, but are not sure when we can get back on line 100%.

We are in need of a permanent emergency connection to Hot Springs Village to pull us through this event and any in the future. We are asking for the HSVPOA board to approve such a connection so that we have a safe, reliable source of quality water in an emergency. This connection should also be set up as a secondary source for HSV in case of emergency.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Curt Malone
POWA Board President