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TOWN OF JOHNSTON, RI

May 8, 2008

Attention: Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Orchard Meadows Subdivision – Waterline Issue

Dear Commissioner:

The Town of Johnston respectfully requests a non-regulatory approval for a de minimus change to our western Johnston water system for the purpose of servicing ten residential dwellings located immediately adjacent to our water system in the City of Cranston. We are seeking this non-regulatory approval, so that, providing this service to these residences in the City of Cranston will not result in the Town of Johnston being treated as a public utility, pursuant to the regulations of the Public Utilities Commission. It has come to the attention of the present administration that in 2006, prior officials of the Town of Johnston approved a connection to the Town's water system for the Orchard Meadows Plat on Pippin Orchard Road in Cranston, Rhode Island, without seeking a non-regulatory approval from the Public Utilities Commission. At that time, former Town of Johnston Water Commission, George E. Corrente, had apparently determined that the addition of the ten dwellings meets the de minimus standard as they represent a fraction of one percent of our total metered services of the western Johnston water system. The cost associated with the design and construction of the waterlines was entirely paid for by the private parties being serviced.

This request is for servicing only these ten dwellings with no further extension or expansion beyond their locations and we are specifically requesting that your non-regulatory approval contain the condition that there will be no future extension or expansion and that no future tie-ins will be allowed.

The dwellings are located adjacent to our water system piping on Plainfield Pike and Pippin Orchard Road at a common border between Johnston and Cranston. I am

enclosing with this request correspondence dated February 27, 2006 and April 3, 2006 to Mr. George Corrente, former Town of Johnston Water Commissioner, from Paul J. Gadoury, P.E., Director of Engineering of the Providence Water Supply Board. In this correspondence, the Providence Water Supply Board acknowledges that the hydraulic gradient of their system in that area does not presently allow them to provide water to the dwellings. The letters affirm that Mr. Gadoury, the Director of Engineering of the Providence Water Supply Board, has reviewed the installation of the water utilities to serve these ten dwellings and that the distribution system extension will automatically become the property of Providence Water should Providence Water's system be able to serve this area in the future.

Apparently, based on this correspondence, the former Town of Johnston Water Commissioner, George E. Corrente, informed the City of Cranston Planning Commission that the Johnston Water Department would provide service to these ten dwellings. Please find enclosed a copy of the letter dated April 7, 2006 from Mr. Corrente to the City of Cranston Planning Commission. The construction of this waterline has been completed and the property owners are now requesting that the Town of Johnston commence water service.

Based on the reasons noted above, and the conditions set forth herein, the Town of Johnston requests non-regulatory approval to provide water service to ten residential dwellings located immediately adjacent to our water system in the City of Cranston.

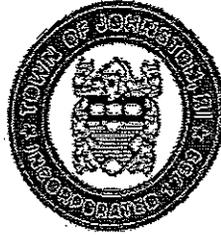
Sincerely,



Makram H. Megalli, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Enclosures

cc: Mayor Joseph M. Polisena
Lorraine Caruso, P.E.



Director of Building Operations

100 Irons Avenue
Johnston, Rhode Island 02919

April 7, 2006

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***City of Cranston Planning Commission
Cranston City Hall
869 Park Avenue
Cranston, Rhode Island 02910***

The Town of Johnston Water Department has reviewed the plans for a connection to our system for the Orchard Meadows Plat on Pippin Orchard Road in Cranston, Rhode Island.

It has been determined by system testing that we do have the capability to supply domestic usage with a pressure of 105 psi and a fire flow of 55 gpm at 10 psi residual pressure.

Our department has coordinated this connection with Providence Water and they have consented to service the Orchard Meadows Plat.

Therefore, this letter will service as written approval from the Johnston Water Department for the connection with the following condition:

All the work performed by the developer will be in accordance with the approved plans and that the construction will be coordinated through and inspected by the Johnston Water Department for final acceptance.

All future customers connected to this water main will be metered and billed by the Johnston Water Department.

George E. Corrente
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Town of Johnston Water Commissioner

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April 3, 2006

Mr. George Correia, PLS
 Town of Johnston
 1385 Hartford Avenue
 Johnston, RI 02919

Re: Proposed Orchard Meadows subdivision
 Cranston, RI

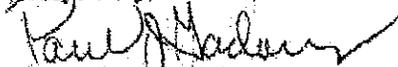
Dear Mr. Correia:

In our letter to you dated February 27, 2006, we provided our review comments relative to the proposed installation of water utilities to serve the above-referenced development. In accordance with our previous discussions on this, the proposed water utilities which will be installed by the developer within our Cranston service area will be connected to your main on Plainfield Pike and will remain part of your distribution system until such time that our system would be able to serve this particular area.

Please be advised that the developer has since submitted directly to our office an updated set of plans in which the design recommendations which we outlined in our letter February 27 have been incorporated. With these design modifications having been made, we have no objection to the water utility work as proposed.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions concerning this. We also request that we please be provided a copy of the final approved plans for this project once they are available.

Respectfully,


 Paul J. Gadabry, P.E.
 Director of Engineering

Enclosure

cc: Syl Pauley
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February 27, 2006

Mr. George Corrente, PLS
Town of Johnston
1385 Hartford Avenue
Johnston, RI 02919

Re: Proposed Orchard Meadows subdivision
Cranston, RI

Dear Mr. Corrente:

In accordance with your request, we have conducted our review of the proposed Orchard Meadows subdivision to be located off of Pippin Orchard Road in Cranston. While this development is located in Cranston, the hydraulic gradient of our water system in this area does not presently allow us to provide water to it and you have agreed to service the development through a main extension to be installed off of your existing water main in Plainfield Pike. This extension will be operated and maintained by you as part of your distribution system.

We have also jointly agreed that this new distribution system extension into the City of Cranston will automatically become the property of Providence Water should Providence Water's system be able to serve this area in the future. In consideration of this, you have forwarded the plans of the development that were provided to you by the developer for our review relative to compliance of the water system design with our standards.

We have reviewed the plans and offer the attached comments. The comments address our requirement that the water main extension be maintained in a straight path within the pavement section of the roadway, as well as other issues.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions concerning this. We would also appreciate receiving an updated copy of the plans for final review once the recommended design modifications have been incorporated.

Respectfully,


Paul J. Gadoury, P.E.
Director of Engineering

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