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MEMORANDUM

**TO: THE HONORABLE ALBEMARLE COUNTY SUPERVISORS
THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THOMAS L. FREDERICK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RIVANNA WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY
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SUBJECT: QUARTERLY UPDATE

DATE: AUGUST 27, 2015

I am preparing this as a report in advance of a scheduled briefing with the Board of Supervisors on September 2, 2015, and I am also distributing it to City Council as a written update. I am happy to address questions or other topics, either at scheduled briefings, or by e-mail or telephone:

1. Amendment No. 1 to the Service Agreement: All four parties have now approved the Amendment No. 1 to the Service (“Four Party”) Agreement, and subject to the approval of RWSA’s Bond Trustee, the amendment will take effect. The Amendment allows RWSA to modify wholesale water and wastewater charges to the ACSA and City for the urban area such that the fixed annual costs for debt service will now be a monthly charge and no longer converted to a rate based upon actual water consumption or wastewater flow. The ACSA, City, and RWSA all agree this is a “win-win” for all agencies, and it does not affect the rates either ACSA or the City charge to homeowners or businesses. The changes in wholesale rates and charges will be advertised to the public in early September and a public hearing will be held on September 22; the effective date may be as soon as October 1. The changes are revenue “neutral”, meaning they are based on RWSA collecting the same estimated revenue as with the wholesale rates last adopted in May 2015. Congratulations to all agencies for the cooperation that made this happen.
2. Schenks Branch Interceptor Replacement: The City’s Schenks Greenway public park is presently closed for RWSA to construct a new 30-inch interceptor between Harris Street and the McIntire Recycling Center. A fence has been installed to shield the construction zone from surrounding development and construction is being limited to business hours. RWSA has been sharing information with the associations in the North Downtown area, and we invite any questions or comments from the public. A local contractor, Digs, Inc., is performing the construction. This construction is a part of the infrastructure RWSA needs to support the City’s proposed upgrade to its 14th/15th Street Collector.
3. Water Treatment Plant Activated Carbon Filtration Improvements: Construction is underway to incorporate advanced carbon filtration technology at RWSA’s water treatment

plants, supporting an interest developed from within the community. This project will advance water provided to our citizens by ACSA and the City, which is already high quality, to a superior level. Completion is anticipated in late 2017. We have recently met with the homeowners association officers in subdivisions near the Crozet Water Plant toward providing education and outreach about the project and what to anticipate during and after construction.

4. New Rivanna Pump Station: Excavation of the new tunnel between the existing Woolen Mills site and the new site on RWSA's Moores Creek property is approximately 50% complete. The tunnel will be completed in about 60-90 days. Foundation for the new pump station is also underway with completion scheduled for mid-2017.
5. Wastewater Plant Odor Control: Preliminary design and value engineering has been completed and final design is now underway. RWSA is hoping to bid this project before the end of 2015 and will also be planning outreach activities in the coming months for public education about the project.
6. Ivy Materials Utilization Center: We understand that Albemarle County continues to consider its future interest in providing publicly supported solid waste programs for its citizens, and a part of that is the extent to which it desires to contract with RSWA to design, build, and/or operate its programs. The County is also considering specific actions at the Ivy transfer station to address deficiencies defined by DEQ. These latter actions must be concluded to allow a narrative plan to be completed by DEQ's December 31 deadline. Without that narrative plan, DEQ may order the existing transfer station closed by March 31, 2016.

c: RWSA Board of Directors
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