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OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT NOTICE
THE ESSEX COUNTY
UTILITIES AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING PROPOSED SOLID WASTE
SERVICE CHARGES

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY UTILITIES
AUTHORITIES LAW, N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 ET SEQ. (INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY N.J.S.A. 40:14B-23)
(THE "MUA" LAW), PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

In accordance with the provisions of a Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment, duly adopted by the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders (the "Essex County Freeholders") on August 19, 1998 and certified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the "NJDEP") on December 2, 1998, The Essex County Utilities Authority (the "ECUA") has previously reestablished regulatory waste flow over I.D. Type 13, 23 and the non-processible portion of I.D. Type 27 (collectively, "Non-Processible Waste") generated within the geographic boundaries of Essex County. Effective January 1, 2004, all Non-Processible waste is required to be delivered to the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, Erie Landfill, in Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

With respect to Solid Waste I.D. Types 10, 25 and the processible portion of I.D. Type 27 (collectively, "Processible Waste"). The ECUA strategy consists of two (2) components:

1. In accordance with the provisions of a Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment, duly adopted by the Essex County Freeholders on July 14, 1999 and certified by the NJDEP on August 18, 1999, this component involves the voluntary use of the Essex County Resource Recovery Facility (the "ECRRF") for a ten year period commencing on or about January 1, 2000 (the "Voluntary Contract System"). Use of the ECRRF for the disposal of Processible Waste ("Voluntary Contract System-Processible Waste") is limited to Essex County municipalities and those other institutions and commercial haulers who elected to execute contracts with the ECUA.

2. In accordance with the provisions of a Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment, duly adopted by the Essex County Freeholders on June 20, 2001 and certified by the NJDEP on December 22, 2001, the ECUA revised its disposal strategy and reestablished regulatory waste flow over that portion of Processible Waste generated within the geographic boundaries of the County that is not otherwise disposed of at the ECRRF pursuant to the Voluntary Contract System ("Waste flow-Processible Waste"). Wasteflow-Processible Waste is directed to the Ellesor Transfer Station, located at 864 Julia Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey and as a back-up facility, the WMNJ-Front Street transfer station located at Front Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

The current solid waste service charge for the disposal of Non-Processible Waste is \$78.80 per ton. The current solid waste service charge for the disposal of Voluntary Contract System-Processible Waste is \$80.90. The current rate for the disposal of Wasteflow-Processible Waste is \$85.70 per ton. In accordance with the provisions of the MUA Law, the ECUA has proposed an increase to these solid waste service charges to the following levels commencing on or about January 1, 2008:
NON-PROCESSIBLE WASTE TO \$80.72 PER TON;
VOLUNTARY CONTRACT SYSTEM - PROCESSIBLE WASTE TO \$83.87 PER TON;

WASTEFLOW - PROCESSIBLE WASTE TO \$88.26 PER TON;

Further, as required by Section 23 of the MUA Law, the ECUA has scheduled a public hearing to be held on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2007 AT 5:00 P.M. at Essex County Utilities Authority Offices, 155 Passaic Avenue, 4th Floor, Fairfield, New Jersey. At such time, the ECUA will discuss the current status of the ECUA's solid waste management activities, as well as the components of and basis for the proposed increase to the solid waste service charge. Members of the public are invited to provide comments and/or questions concerning the proposed increase to the solid waste service charge at the public hearing. A transcript of the public hearing will be made and will be available, following transcription, to members of the public subsequent to completion of the public hearing.

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Secretary

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