

**CITY OF ROMNEY**

**Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture)  
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AND SERIES 1997 B  
(WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND)**

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CITY OF ROMNEY

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING PUBLIC WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ROMNEY AND THE FINANCING OF THE COST, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THEREOF THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 A (UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE), AND NOT MORE THAN \$1,500,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 B (WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND); PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF AND SECURITY FOR THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS; APPROVING, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING A LOAN AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE SERIES 1997 B BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SUCH BONDS AND ADOPTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMNEY:

ARTICLE I

STATUTORY AUTHORITY, FINDINGS AND DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01. Authority for this Ordinance. This Ordinance (together with any ordinance, order or resolution supplemental hereto or amendatory hereof, the "Bond Legislation"), is enacted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 8, Article 19 and Chapter 31, Article 15A of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended (collectively, the "Act"), and other applicable provisions of law.

Section 1.02. Findings. It is hereby found, determined and declared that:

A. The City of Romney (the "Issuer") is a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of West Virginia in Hampshire County of said State.

B. The Issuer presently owns and operates a public waterworks system. However, it is deemed necessary and desirable for the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the Issuer that there be acquired and constructed certain additions, betterments and improvements to the existing public waterworks system of the Issuer, consisting of a new treatment plant, a 500,000 gallon water storage tank and a new transmission line connecting the treatment plant and tank to the existing water distribution system, together with all appurtenant facilities (collectively, the "Project") (the existing public waterworks system of the Issuer, the Project and any further additions, betterments and improvements thereto are herein called the "System"), in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the Consulting Engineers, which plans and specifications have heretofore been filed with the Issuer.

C. The estimated revenues to be derived in each year after completion of the Project from the operation of the System will be sufficient to pay all costs of operation and maintenance of the System, the principal of and interest on the Bonds (as hereinafter defined) and payments into all funds and accounts and other payments provided for herein.

D. It is deemed necessary for the Issuer to issue its Water Revenue Bonds in the total aggregate principal amount of not more than \$4,500,000 in two series, being the Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture), in the aggregate principal amount of not more than \$3,000,000 (the "Series 1997 A Bonds") and the Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund), in the aggregate principal amount of not more than \$1,500,000 (the "Series 1997 B Bonds"), to permanently finance a portion of the costs of acquisition and construction of the Project. The remaining costs of the Project shall be funded from the sources set forth in Section 2.01 hereof. Such costs shall be deemed to include the cost of all property rights, easements and franchises deemed necessary or convenient therefor; interest upon the Bonds prior to and during acquisition and construction of the Project and for a period not exceeding 6 months after completion of acquisition and construction of the Project; amounts which may be deposited in any Reserve Accounts (as hereinafter defined); engineering and legal expenses; expenses for estimates of costs and revenues, expenses for plans, specifications and surveys; other expenses necessary or incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of the enterprise, administrative expense, commitment fees, fees and expenses of the Authority (as hereinafter defined), discount, initial fees for the services of registrars, paying agents, depositories or trustees or other costs in connection with the sale of the Bonds and such other expenses as may be necessary or incidental to the financing herein authorized, the acquisition or construction of the Project and the placing of same in operation, and the performance of the things herein required or permitted, in connection with any thereof, provided, that reimbursement to the Issuer for any amounts expended by it for allowable costs prior to the issuance of the Bonds or the repayment of indebtedness incurred by the Issuer for such purposes shall be deemed Costs of the Project, as hereinafter defined.

E. The period of usefulness of the System after completion of the Project is not less than 40 years.

F. It is in the best interests of the Issuer that its Series 1997 A Bonds be sold to the Purchaser (as hereinafter defined) pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Letter of Conditions (as hereinafter defined) and its Series 1997 B Bonds be sold to the Authority (as hereinafter defined) pursuant to the terms and provisions of a loan agreement by and between the Issuer and the Authority, on behalf of the Council (as hereinafter defined), in form satisfactory to the Issuer and the Authority, to be approved hereby if not previously approved by resolution of the Issuer.

G. There are no outstanding bonds obligations or other indebtedness of the Issuer which will rank prior to or on a parity with the Bonds as to liens, pledge, source of and security for payment. The Series 1997 A Bonds and the Series 1997 B Bonds shall be issued on a parity with each other.

H. The Issuer has complied with all requirements of West Virginia law and the Loan Agreement relating to authorization of the acquisition, construction and operation of the Project and the System and issuance of the Bonds, or will have so complied prior to issuance of any thereof, including, among other things, the obtaining of a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Public Service Commission of West Virginia by final order, the time for rehearing and appeal of which will either have expired prior to the issuance of the Bonds or such final order will not be subject to appeal.

I. The Issuer is a governmental unit which has general taxing powers to finance operations of or facilities of the nature of the Project and the System; 95% or more of the Net Proceeds of the Bonds are to be used for local governmental activities of the Issuer (or of a governmental unit the jurisdiction of which is entirely within the jurisdiction of the Issuer); and the Issuer, all subordinate entities, all entities which issue obligations on behalf of the Issuer, and all entities formed or, to the extent provided under Section 148 of the Code, herein defined, availed of, to avoid the purposes of Section 148(f)(4)(D) of the Code and all other entities benefiting thereby reasonably expect to issue less than \$5,000,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) during the calendar year in which the Bonds are to be issued.

J. Pursuant to the Act, the Council (as hereinafter defined) has approved the Project and has authorized the Authority (as hereinafter defined) to make a loan to the Issuer from the West Virginia Infrastructure Fund.

**Section 1.03. Bond Legislation Constitutes Contract.** In consideration of the acceptance of the Bonds by the Registered Owners of the same from time to time, this Bond Legislation shall be deemed to be and shall constitute a contract between the Issuer and such Bondholders, and the covenants and agreements herein set forth to be performed by the Issuer shall be for the equal benefit, protection and security of the Bondholders of any and

all of such Bonds, all which shall be of equal rank and without preference, priority or distinction between any one Bond and any other Bonds and by reason of priority of issuance or otherwise, except as expressly provided therein and herein.

Section 1.04. Definitions. The following terms shall have the following meanings herein unless the context expressly requires otherwise:

"Act" means, collectively, Chapter 8, Article 19 and Chapter 31, Article 15A of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended and in effect on the date of enactment hereof.

"Authority" means the West Virginia Water Development Authority, which is expected to be the original purchaser and Registered Owner of the Series 1997 B Bonds, or any other agency, board or department of the State that succeeds to the functions of the Authority, acting in its administrative capacity and upon authorization from the Council under the Act.

"Authorized Officer" means the Mayor of the Issuer, or any other officer of the Issuer specifically designated by resolution of the Governing Body.

"Bondholder," "Holder of the Bonds," "Holder," "Registered Owner" or any similar term whenever used herein with respect to an outstanding Bond or Bonds, means the person in whose name such Bond is registered.

"Bond Legislation," "Ordinance," "Bond Ordinance" or "Local Act" means this Bond Ordinance and all ordinances, orders and resolutions supplemental hereto or amendatory hereof.

"Bond Registrar" means the bank or other entity to be designated as such in the Supplemental Resolution and its successors and assigns.

"Bonds" means, collectively, the Series 1997 A Bonds and the Series 1997 B Bonds and, where appropriate, any bonds on a parity therewith subsequently authorized to be issued hereunder or by another ordinance of the Issuer.

"Bond Year" means the 12-month period beginning on the anniversary of the Closing Date in each year and ending on the day prior to the anniversary date of the Closing Date in the following year, except that the first Bond Year shall begin on the Closing Date.

"Closing Date" means the date upon which there is an exchange of the Series 1997 A Bonds for the proceeds or at least a de minimus portion thereof representing the purchase price of the Series 1997 A Bonds from the Purchaser and the Series 1997 B Bonds for the proceeds or at least a de minimis portion thereof representing the purchase price of the Series 1997 B Bonds from the Authority.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Regulations.

"Commission" means the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission or any other agency of the State of West Virginia that succeeds to the functions of the Commission.

"Consulting Engineers" means Smith Technology Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, or any qualified engineer or firm of engineers, licensed by the State, that shall at any time hereafter be procured by the Issuer as Consulting Engineers for the System, or portion thereof in accordance with Chapter 5G, Article 1 of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended; provided however, that the Consulting Engineers shall not be a regular, full-time employee of the State or any of its agencies, commissions, or political subdivisions.

"Costs" or "Costs of the Project" means those costs described in Section 1.02D hereof to be a part of the cost of acquisition and construction of the Project.

"Council" means the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council or any successor thereto.

"Depository Bank" means the bank designated as such in the Supplemental Resolution, and its successors and assigns.

"FDIC" means the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and any successor to the functions of the FDIC.

"Fiscal Year" means each 12-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on the succeeding June 30.

"Governing Body" means the council of the Issuer or any other governing body of the Issuer that succeeds to the functions of the council as presently constituted.

"Government Obligations" means direct obligations of, or obligations the timely payment of the principal of and interest on which is guaranteed by, the United States of America.

"Grant" means any Grant received by the Issuer for the Project.

"Gross Revenues" means the aggregate gross operating and non-operating revenues of the System, as hereinafter defined, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, after deduction of prompt payment discounts, if any, and reasonable provision for uncollectible accounts; provided, that "Gross Revenues" does not include any gains from the sale or other disposition of, or from any increase in the value of, capital assets (including Qualified Investments, as hereinafter defined, purchased pursuant to Article 8.01 hereof) or any Tap Fees, as hereinafter defined.

"Herein," "hereto" and similar words shall refer to this entire Bond Legislation.

"Independent Certified Public Accountants" means any certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants that shall at any time hereafter be retained by the Issuer to prepare an independent annual or special audit of the accounts of the System or for any other purpose except keeping the accounts of the System in the normal operation of its business and affairs.

"Investment Property" means any security (as said term is defined in Section 165(g)(2)(A) or (B) of the Code), obligation, annuity contract, investment-type property or residential rental property for family units which is not located within the jurisdiction of the Issuer and which is not acquired to implement a court ordered or approved housing desegregation plan, excluding, however, obligations the interest on which is excluded from gross income, under Section 103 of the Code, for federal income tax purposes other than specified private activity bonds as defined in Section 57(a)(5)(C) of the Code.

"Issuer" means the City of Romney, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of West Virginia, in Hampshire County, West Virginia, and, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, includes the Governing Body of the Issuer.

"Letter of Conditions" means, collectively, the Letter of Conditions of the Purchaser dated May 25, 1995, and all amendments thereto.

"Loan Agreement" means the Loan Agreement heretofore entered, or to be entered, into between the Issuer and the Authority, on behalf of the Council, providing for the purchase of the Series 1997 B Bonds from the Issuer by the Authority, the form of which shall be approved, and the execution and delivery by the Issuer authorized and directed or ratified by the Supplemental Resolution.

"Mayor" means the Mayor of the Issuer.

"Net Proceeds" means the face amount of the Bonds, plus accrued interest and premium, if any, less original issue discount, if any, and less proceeds, if any, deposited in any Reserve Accounts. For purposes of the Private Business Use limitations set forth herein, the term Net Proceeds shall include any amounts resulting from the investment of proceeds of the Bonds, without regard to whether or not such investment is made in tax-exempt obligations.

"Net Revenues" means the balance of the Gross Revenues, remaining after deduction of Operating Expenses, as hereinafter defined.

"Nonpurpose Investment" means any Investment Property which is acquired with the gross proceeds or any other proceeds of the Bonds and is not acquired in order to carry out the governmental purpose of the Bonds.

"Operating Expenses" means the reasonable, proper and necessary costs of repair, maintenance and operation of the System and includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, administrative, engineering, legal, auditing and insurance expenses, other than those capitalized as part of the costs, fees and expenses of the Authority, fiscal agents, the Depository Bank, the Registrar and the Paying Agent (all as herein defined), other than those capitalized as part of the costs, payments to pension or retirement funds, taxes and such other reasonable operating costs and expenses as should normally and regularly be included under generally accepted accounting principles; provided, that "Operating Expenses" does not include payments on account of the principal of or redemption premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds, charges for depreciation, losses from the sale or other disposition of, or from any decrease in the value of, capital assets, amortization of debt discount or such miscellaneous deductions as are applicable to prior accounting periods.

"Outstanding," when used with reference to Bonds and as of any particular date, describes all Bonds theretofore and thereupon being authenticated and delivered, except (i) any Bond cancelled by the Bond Registrar at or prior to said date; (ii) any Bond for the payment of which moneys, equal to its principal amount and redemption premium, if applicable, with interest to the date of maturity or redemption shall be in trust hereunder and set aside for such payment (whether upon or prior to maturity); (iii) any Bond deemed to have been paid as provided in Article X hereof; and (iv) for purposes of consents or other action by a specified percentage of Bondholders, any Bonds registered to the Issuer.

"Parity Bonds" means additional Bonds issued under the provisions and within the limitations prescribed by Section 7.07 hereof.

"Paying Agent" means the Commission or such other entity or authority as may be designated as a Paying Agent for the Series 1997 B Bonds by the Issuer in the Supplemental Resolution.

"Private Business Use" means use directly or indirectly in a trade or business carried on by a natural person, including all persons "related" to such person within the meaning of Section 144(a)(3) of the Code, or in any activity carried on by a person other than a natural person, including all persons "related" to such person within the meaning of Section 144(a)(3) of the Code, excluding, however, use by a state or local governmental unit and use as a member of the general public. All of the foregoing shall be determined in accordance with the Code, including, without limitation, giving due regard to "incidental use," if any, of the proceeds of the issue and/or proceeds used for "qualified improvements," if any.

"Project" means the Project as described in Section 1.02B hereof.

"Purchaser" or "Government" means the United States Department of Agriculture and any successor thereof acting for and on behalf of the United States of America, which is expected to be the original purchaser and Registered Owner of the Series 1997 A Bonds.

"Qualified Investments" means and includes any of the following:

- (a) Government Obligations;
- (b) Government Obligations which have been stripped of their unmatured interest coupons, interest coupons stripped from Government Obligations, and receipts or certificates evidencing payments from Government Obligations or interest coupons stripped from Government Obligations;
- (c) Bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued by any of the following agencies: Banks for Cooperatives; Federal Intermediate Credit Banks; Federal Home Loan Bank System; Export-Import Bank of the United States; Federal Land Banks; Government National Mortgage Association; Tennessee Valley Authority; or Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority;
- (d) Any bond, debenture, note, participation certificate or other similar obligations issued by the Federal National Mortgage Association to the extent such obligation is guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association or issued by any other federal agency and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America;
- (e) Time accounts (including accounts evidenced by time certificates of deposit, time deposits or other similar banking arrangements) which, to the extent not insured by the FDIC, shall be secured by a pledge of Government Obligations, provided, that said Government Obligations pledged either must mature as nearly as practicable coincident with the maturity of said time accounts or must be replaced or increased so that the market value thereof is always at least equal to the principal amount of said time accounts;
- (f) Money market funds or similar funds whose only assets are investments of the type described in paragraphs (a) through (e) above;
- (g) Repurchase agreements, fully secured by investments of the types described in paragraphs (a) through (e) above, with banks or national banking associations which are members of FDIC or with government bond dealers recognized as primary dealers by the Federal

Reserve Bank of New York, provided, that said investments securing said repurchase agreements either must mature as nearly as practicable coincident with the maturity of said repurchase agreements or must be replaced or increased so that the market value thereof is always at least equal to the principal amount of said repurchase agreements, and provided further that the holder of such repurchase agreement shall have a prior perfected security interest in the collateral therefor; must have (or its agent must have) possession of such collateral; and such collateral must be free of all claims by third parties;

(h) The West Virginia "consolidated fund" managed by the West Virginia State Board of Investments pursuant to Chapter 12, Article 6 of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended; and

(i) Obligations of States or political subdivisions or agencies thereof, the interest on which is exempt from federal income taxation, and which are rated at least "A" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor's Corporation.

"Recorder" means the Recorder of the Issuer.

"Registered Owner," "Bondholder," "Holder" or any similar term means whenever used herein with respect to an outstanding Bond or Bonds, the person in whose name such Bond is registered.

"Registrar" means the Bond Registrar.

"Regulations" means temporary and permanent regulations promulgated under the Code, or any predecessor thereto.

"Renewal and Replacement Fund" means the Renewal and Replacement Fund created by Section 5.01 hereof.

"Reserve Accounts" means, collectively, the respective Reserve Accounts established for the Bonds.

"Revenue Fund" means the Revenue Fund created by Section 5.01 hereof.

"Series 1997 A Bonds" means the not more than \$3,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture), of the Issuer, authorized by this Ordinance.

"Series 1997 A Bonds Construction Trust Fund" means the Series 1997 A Bonds Construction Trust Fund created by Section 5.01 hereof.

"Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Account" means the Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Account created by Section 5.01 hereof.

"Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Requirement" means, as of any date of calculation, the maximum amount of principal and interest which will become due on the Series 1997 A Bonds in the then current or any succeeding year.

"Series 1997 B Bonds" means the not more than \$1,500,000 in aggregate principal amount of Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund), of the Issuer, authorized by this Ordinance.

"Series 1997 B Bonds Construction Trust Fund" means the Series 1997 B Bonds Construction Trust Fund created by Section 5.01 hereof.

"Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account" means the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account created by Section 5.02 hereof.

"Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Requirement" means, as of any date of calculation, the maximum amount of principal and interest which will become due on the Series 1997 B Bonds in the then current or any succeeding year.

"Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund" means the Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund created by Section 5.02 hereof.

"State" means the State of West Virginia.

"Supplemental Resolution" means any resolution, ordinance or order of the Issuer supplementing or amending this Ordinance and, when preceded by the article "the," refers specifically to the supplemental resolution authorizing the sale of the Bonds; provided, that any matter intended by this Ordinance to be included in the Supplemental Resolution with respect to the Bonds, and not so included may be included in another Supplemental Resolution.

"Surplus Revenues" means the Net Revenues not required by the Bond Legislation to be set aside and held for the payment of or security for the Bonds, including any Reserve Accounts and the Renewal and Replacement Fund.

"System" means the complete public waterworks system of the Issuer as presently existing in its entirety or any integral part thereof, and shall include the Project and any additions, betterments and improvements thereto hereafter acquired or constructed for the waterworks system from any sources whatsoever.

"Tap Fees" means the fees, if any, paid by prospective customers of the System in order to connect thereto.

**"West Virginia Infrastructure Fund" means the West Virginia Infrastructure Fund established in accordance with Chapter 31, Article 15A, Section 9 of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended and in effect on the date of enactment hereof.**

**Additional terms and phrases are defined in this Resolution as they are used. Words importing singular number shall include the plural number in each case and vice versa; words importing persons shall include firms and corporations; and words importing the masculine, feminine or neutral gender shall include any other gender.**

## ARTICLE II

### AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT

Section 2.01. Authorization of Acquisition and Construction of the Project. There is hereby authorized and ordered the acquisition and construction of the Project, at an estimated cost of not to exceed \$5,788,000, in accordance with the plans and specifications which have been prepared by the Consulting Engineers, heretofore filed in the office of the Governing Body. The proceeds of the Bonds hereby authorized shall be applied as provided in Article VI hereof. The Issuer has received bids and will enter into contracts for the acquisition and construction of the Project, compatible with the financing plan submitted to the Purchaser and the Council.

The cost of the Project is estimated not to exceed \$5,788,000, of which approximately \$3,000,000 will be obtained from proceeds of the Series 1997 A Bonds, approximately \$1,500,000 will be obtained from proceeds of the Series 1997 B Bonds, approximately \$750,000 will be obtained from proceeds of a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Small Cities Block Grant through the State of West Virginia), and approximately \$538,000 will be obtained from proceeds of a grant from the Council.

## ARTICLE III

### AUTHORIZATION, TERMS, EXECUTION, REGISTRATION AND SALE OF BONDS; AUTHORIZATION AND EXECUTION OF LOAN AGREEMENT

Section 3.01.      Authorization of Bonds. For the purposes of capitalizing interest on the Bonds, funding a reserve account for the Bonds, paying Costs of the Project not otherwise provided for and paying certain costs of issuance and related costs, or any or all of such purposes, as determined by the Supplemental Resolution, there shall be and hereby are authorized to be issued the negotiable Series 1997 A Bonds and Series 1997 B Bonds of the Issuer. The Series 1997 A Bonds shall be issued as a single bond, designated "Water Revenue Bond, Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture)", in the principal amount of not more than \$3,000,000, and the Series 1997 B Bonds shall be issued as a single bond, designated "Water Revenue Bond, Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund)", in the principal amount of not more than \$1,500,000, and shall have such terms as set forth hereinafter and in the Supplemental Resolution. The proceeds of the Bonds remaining after funding of the Reserve Accounts (if funded from Bond proceeds) and capitalizing interest on the Bonds, if any, shall be deposited in or credited to the respective Bond Construction Trust Fund established by Section 5.01 hereof.

Section 3.02.      Terms of Bonds. A. The Series 1997 A Bonds shall be issued in such principal amounts; shall bear interest at such rate or rates, not exceeding the then legal maximum rate, payable monthly on such dates; shall mature on such dates and in such amounts; and shall be redeemable, in whole or in part, all as the Issuer shall prescribe in the Supplemental Resolution or as specifically provided in the Series 1997 A Bond.

B. The Series 1997 B Bonds shall be issued in such principal amounts; shall bear interest, if any, at such rate or rates, not exceeding the then legal maximum rate, payable quarterly on such dates; shall mature on such dates and in such amounts; and shall be redeemable, in whole or in part, all as the Issuer shall prescribe in the Supplemental Resolution or as specifically provided in the Loan Agreement. The Series 1997 B Bonds shall be payable as to principal at the office of the Paying Agent, in any coin or currency which, on the dates of payment of principal is legal tender for the payment of public or private debts under the laws of the United States of America. Interest on the Series 1997 B Bonds shall be paid by check or draft of the Paying Agent or its agent, mailed to the Registered Owner thereof at the address as it appears on the books of the Bond Registrar, or by such other method as shall be mutually agreeable so long as the Authority is the Registered Owner thereof.

Unless otherwise provided by the Supplemental Resolution, the Series 1997 A Bonds shall initially be issued in the form of a single bond, fully registered to the Purchaser, with a record of advances attached representing the aggregate principal amount of the Series 1997 A Bonds, and the Series 1997 B Bonds shall initially be issued in the form of a

single bond, fully registered to the Authority, with a record of advances and a debt service schedule attached, representing the aggregate principal amount of the Series 1997 B Bonds, all as provided in the Supplemental Resolution. The Bonds shall be exchangeable at the option and expense of the Registered Owner for another fully registered Bond or Bonds of the same series in aggregate principal amount equal to the amount of said Bonds then Outstanding and being exchanged, with principal installments or maturities, as applicable, corresponding to the dates of payment of principal installments of said Bonds; provided, that neither the Purchaser nor the Authority shall be obligated to pay any expenses of such exchange.

Subsequent series of Bonds, if any, shall be issued in fully registered form and in denominations as determined by a Supplemental Resolution. The Bonds shall be dated as of the date specified in a Supplemental Resolution and shall bear interest from the date so specified therein.

**Section 3.03. Execution of Bonds.** The Bonds shall be executed in the name of the Issuer by the Mayor, and the seal of the Issuer shall be affixed thereto or imprinted thereon and attested by the Recorder. In case any one or more of the officers who shall have signed or sealed the Bonds shall cease to be such officer of the Issuer before the Bonds so signed and sealed have been actually sold and delivered, such Bonds may nevertheless be sold and delivered as herein provided and may be issued as if the person who signed or sealed such Bonds had not ceased to hold such office. Any such Bonds may be signed and sealed on behalf of the Issuer by such person as at the actual time of the execution of such Bonds shall hold the proper office in the Issuer, although at the date of such Bonds such person may not have held such office or may not have been so authorized.

**Section 3.04. Bond Registrar; Authentication and Registration.** A. The Issuer shall be the Bond Registrar with respect to the Series 1997 A Bonds and will keep or cause to be kept at its office by its agent, sufficient books for the registration and transfer of the Series 1997 A Bonds, and, upon presentation for such purpose, the Bond Registrar shall, under such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, register the Series 1997 A Bonds initially issued pursuant hereto and register the transfer, or cause to be registered by its agent, on such books, the transfer of the Series 1997 A Bonds as hereinbefore provided.

The Bond Registrar shall accept the Series 1997 A Bonds for registration or transfer only if ownership thereof is to be registered in the name of the Purchaser, an individual (including joint ownership), a corporation, a partnership or a trust, and only upon receipt of the social security number of each individual, the federal employer identification number of each corporation or partnership or the social security numbers of the settlor and beneficiaries of each trust and the federal employer identification number and date of each trust and the name of the trustee of each trust, and/or such other identifying number and information as may be required by law. The Series 1997 A Bonds shall initially be fully registered as to both principal and interest in the name of the United States of America. So long as the Series 1997 A Bonds shall be registered in the name of the United States of

America, the address of the United States of America for registration purposes shall be Federal Building, Room 320, 75 High Street, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505-7500, or such other address as shall be stated in writing to the Issuer by the United States of America.

B. The Bond Registrar with respect to the Series 1997 B Bonds shall be the bank or other entity to be designated as such in the Supplemental Resolution and its successors and assigns. No Series 1997 B Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to any security or benefit under this Bond Legislation unless and until the Certificate of Authentication and Registration on such Bond, substantially in the form set forth in Section 3.10 hereof shall have been manually executed by the Bond Registrar. Any such executed Certificate of Authentication and Registration upon any such Series 1997 B Bonds shall be conclusive evidence that such Series 1997 B Bonds has been authenticated, registered and delivered under this Bond Legislation. The Certificate of Authentication and Registration on any Series 1997 B Bond shall be deemed to have been executed by the Bond Registrar if manually signed by an authorized officer of the Bond Registrar, but it shall not be necessary that the same officer sign the Certificate of Authentication and Registration on all of the Series 1997 B Bonds issued hereunder. The provisions of this Section 3.04 relating to authentication shall not apply to the Series 1997 A Bonds, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary.

Section 3.05. Negotiability, Transfer and Registration. Subject to the provisions for transfer of registration set forth below, the Bonds shall be and have all of the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of West Virginia, and each successive Holder, in accepting the Bonds shall be conclusively deemed to have agreed that such Bonds shall be and have all of the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of West Virginia, and each successive Holder shall further be conclusively deemed to have agreed that said Bonds shall be incontestable in the hands of a bona fide holder for value.

So long as the Bonds remain outstanding, the Bond Registrar for the Bonds shall keep and maintain books for the registration and transfer of such Bonds.

The registered Bonds shall be transferable only upon the books of the Bond Registrar, by the registered owner thereof in person or by his attorney duly authorized in writing, upon surrender thereto together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Bond Registrar duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized attorney.

In all cases in which the privilege of exchanging Bonds or transferring the registered Bonds are exercised, all Bonds shall be delivered in accordance with the provisions of this Bond Legislation. All Bonds surrendered in any such exchanges or transfers shall forthwith be cancelled by the Bond Registrar. For every such exchange or transfer of Bonds, the Bond Registrar may make a charge sufficient to reimburse it for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer and the cost of preparing each new Bond upon each exchange or transfer, and any other expenses of

the Bond Registrar incurred in connection therewith, which sum or sums shall be paid by the Issuer. The Bond Registrar shall not be obliged to make any such exchange or transfer of Bonds during the period commencing on the 15th day of the month next preceding an interest payment date on the Bonds or, in the case of any proposed redemption of Bonds, next preceding the date of the selection of Bonds to be redeemed, and ending on such interest payment date or redemption date.

**Section 3.06. Bonds Mutilated, Destroyed, Stolen or Lost.** In case any Bond shall become mutilated or be destroyed, stolen or lost, the Issuer may, in its discretion, issue, and the Bond Registrar shall, if so advised by the Issuer, authenticate (where applicable) and deliver, a new Bond of the same series and of like tenor as the Bonds so mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost, in exchange and substitution for such mutilated Bond, upon surrender and cancellation of such mutilated Bond, or in lieu of and substitution for the Bond destroyed, stolen or lost, and upon the Holder's furnishing satisfactory indemnity and complying with such other reasonable regulations and conditions as the Issuer may prescribe and paying such expenses as the Issuer and the Bond Registrar may incur. All Bonds so surrendered shall be cancelled by the Bond Registrar and held for the account of the Issuer. If any such Bond shall have matured or be about to mature, instead of issuing a substitute Bond, the Issuer may pay the same, upon being indemnified as aforesaid, and if such Bond be lost, stolen or destroyed, without surrender thereof.

**Section 3.07. Bonds not to be Indebtedness of the Issuer.** The Bonds shall not, in any event, be or constitute an indebtedness of the Issuer within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision or limitation, but shall be payable solely from the Gross Revenues derived from the operation of the System as herein provided. No holder or holders of the Bonds shall ever have the right to compel the exercise of the taxing power of the Issuer to pay the Bonds or the interest, if any, thereon.

**Section 3.08. Bonds Secured by Pledge of Gross Revenues.** The payment of the debt service of all Series 1997 A Bonds and Series 1997 B Bonds shall be secured forthwith equally and ratably with each other by a first lien on the Gross Revenues derived from the System, on a parity with each other. Such Gross Revenues in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on and other payments for the Bonds and to make all other payments provided for in the Bond Legislation, are hereby irrevocably pledged to such payments as they become due.

**Section 3.09. Delivery of Bonds.** A. With respect to the Series 1997 A Bonds, the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Series 1997 A Bonds, hereby awarded to the Purchaser pursuant to prior agreement, to be delivered to the Purchaser as soon as the Purchaser will accept such delivery.

B. The Issuer shall execute and deliver the Series 1997 B Bonds to the Bond Registrar, and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate, register and deliver the Series 1997 B Bonds to the original purchasers upon receipt of the documents set forth below:

(1) If other than the Authority, a list of the names in which the Series 1997 B Bonds are to be registered upon original issuance, together with such taxpayer identification and other information as the Bond Registrar may reasonably require;

(2) A request and authorization to the Bond Registrar on behalf of the Issuer, signed by an Authorized Officer, to authenticate and deliver the Series 1997 B Bonds to the original purchasers;

(3) An executed and certified copy of the Bond Legislation;

(4) An executed copy of the Loan Agreement; and

(5) The unqualified approving opinion of bond counsel on the Series 1997 B Bonds.

Section 3.10. Form of Bonds. The text of the Series 1997 A Bonds and the Series 1997 B Bonds shall be in substantially the following forms, with such omissions, insertions and variations as may be necessary and desirable and authorized or permitted hereby, or by any Supplemental Resolution adopted prior to the issuance thereof:

(FORM OF SERIES 1997 A BOND)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CITY OF ROMNEY  
WATER REVENUE BOND, SERIES 1997 A  
(UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE)

No. AR-1

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the CITY OF ROMNEY (the "Borrower") promises to pay to the order of the United States of America (the "Government"), or its registered assigns, at its National Finance Office, St. Louis, Missouri 63103, or at such other place as the Government may hereafter designate in writing, the principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), plus interest on the unpaid principal balance at the rate of \_\_\_\_% per annum. The said principal and interest shall be paid in the following installments on the following dates: Monthly installments of interest only, commencing 30 days following delivery of the Bond and continuing on the corresponding day of each month for the first 24 months after the date hereof, and \$ \_\_\_\_\_, covering principal and interest, thereafter on said corresponding day of each month, except that the final installment shall be paid at the end of 40 years from the date of this Bond in the sum of the unpaid principal and interest due on the date thereof, and except that prepayments may be made as provided hereinbelow. The consideration herefor shall support any agreement modifying the foregoing schedule of payments.

If the total amount of the loan is not advanced at the time of loan closing, the loan shall be advanced to Borrower as requested by Borrower and approved by the Government and interest shall accrue on the amount of each advance from its actual date as shown on the Record of Advances attached hereto as a part hereof.

Every payment made on any indebtedness evidenced by this Bond shall be applied first to interest computed to the effective date of the payment and then to principal.

Prepayments of scheduled installments, or any portion thereof, may be made at any time at the option of Borrower. Refunds and extra payments, as defined in the regulations of the Government according to the source of funds involved, shall, after payment of interest, be applied to the installments last to become due under this Bond and shall not affect the obligation of Borrower to pay the remaining installments as scheduled herein.

If the Government at any time assigns this Bond and insures the payment thereof, Borrower shall continue to make payments to the Government as collection agent for the holder.

While this Bond is held by an insured lender, prepayments as above authorized made by Borrower may, at the option of the Government, be remitted by the Government to the holder promptly or, except for final payment, be retained by the Government and remitted to the holder on either a calendar quarter basis or an annual installment due date basis. The effective date of every payment made by Borrower, except payments retained and remitted by the Government on an annual installment due date basis, shall be the date of the United States Treasury check by which the Government remits the payment to the holder. The effective date of any prepayment retained and remitted by the Government to the holder on an annual installment due date basis shall be the date of the prepayment by Borrower and the Government will pay the interest to which the holder is entitled accruing between the effective date of any such prepayment and the date of the Treasury check to the holder.

Any amount advanced or expended by the Government for the collection hereof or to preserve or protect any security herefor, or otherwise under the terms of any security or other instrument executed in connection with the loan evidenced hereby, at the option of the Government shall become a part of and bear interest at the same rate as the principal of the debt evidenced hereby and be immediately due and payable by Borrower to the Government without demand. Borrower agrees to use the loan evidenced hereby solely for purposes authorized by the Government.

Borrower hereby certifies that it is unable to obtain sufficient credit elsewhere to finance its actual needs at reasonable rates and terms, taking into consideration prevailing private and cooperative rates and terms in or near its community for loans for similar purposes and periods of time.

This Bond, together with any additional bonds ranking on a parity herewith which may be issued and outstanding for the purpose of providing funds for financing costs of additions, betterments and improvements to the waterworks system (the "System") of Borrower, is payable solely from the gross revenues to be derived from the operation of the System in the manner provided in the hereinafter defined Ordinance. This Bond does not in any manner constitute an indebtedness of Borrower within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision or limitation.

Registration of this Bond is transferable by the registered owner hereof in person or by his, her or its attorney duly authorized in writing, at the office of Borrower, as Bond Registrar, but only in the manner, subject to the limitations and upon payment of the charges, if any, provided in the Ordinance and upon surrender and cancellation of this Bond. Upon such transfer a new Bond or Bonds, of authorized denomination or denominations, for the like principal amount, will be issued to the transferee in exchange herefor.

This Bond, under the provisions of the Act, is and has all the qualities and incidents of a negotiable instrument under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of West Virginia, but may only be transferred by transfer of registration hereof with the Bond Registrar.

This Bond has been issued under and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of West Virginia, including, among others, Chapter 8, Article 19 of the West Virginia Code, as amended (the "Act"), and an Ordinance of the Borrower duly adopted and enacted on \_\_\_\_\_, 199\_\_\_\_, authorizing issuance of this Bond (the "Ordinance").

If at any time it shall appear to the Government that Borrower may be able to obtain a loan from a responsible cooperative or private credit source at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time, Borrower will, at the Government's request, apply for and accept such loan in sufficient amount to repay the Government.

This Bond is given as evidence of a loan to Borrower made or insured by the Government pursuant to the Consolidated Farmers Home Rural Development Act. This Bond shall be subject to the present regulations of the Government and to its future regulations not inconsistent with the express provisions hereof.

THIS BOND IS ISSUED ON A PARITY WITH RESPECT TO LIENS, PLEDGE AND SOURCE OF AND SECURITY FOR PAYMENT, AND IN ALL RESPECTS, WITH THE ISSUER'S WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 B (WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND), DATED \_\_\_\_\_, 1997, ISSUED CONCURRENTLY HERewith IN THE ORIGINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (THE "SERIES 1997 B BONDS").

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Romney has caused this Bond to be executed by its Mayor and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed or imprinted hereon and attested by its Recorder, all as of the date hereinabove written.

CITY OF ROMNEY  
(Name of Borrower)

[CORPORATE SEAL]

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Executive Official)

Mayor  
(Title of Executive Official)

260 School Street  
(P.O. Box No. or Street Address)

Romney, West Virginia 26757  
(City, State and Zip Code)

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Attesting Official)

Recorder  
(Title of Attesting Official)



(Form of Assignment)

**ASSIGNMENT**

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned sells, assigns and transfers to \_\_\_\_\_  
the within Bond and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint  
\_\_\_\_\_, Attorney to transfer the said Bond on the books kept for  
registration of the within Bond of the said Borrower with full power of substitution in the  
premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

In presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_

(FORM OF SERIES 1997 B BOND)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CITY OF ROMNEY  
WATER REVENUE BOND, SERIES 1997 B  
(WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND)

No. BR- \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the CITY OF ROMNEY, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of West Virginia in Hampshire County of said State (the "Issuer"), for value received, hereby promises to pay, solely from the special funds provided therefor, as hereinafter set forth, to the West Virginia Water Development Authority (the "Authority") or registered assigns the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), or such lesser amount as shall have been advanced to the Issuer hereunder and not previously repaid, as set forth in the "Record of Advances" attached as EXHIBIT A hereto and incorporated herein by reference, in quarterly installments on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 199 \_\_\_\_, as set forth on the "Schedule of Annual Debt Service" attached as EXHIBIT B hereto and incorporated herein by reference, with no interest.

Principal installments of this Bond are payable in any coin or currency which, on the respective dates of payment of such installments, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts under the laws of the United States of America, at the office of the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission, Charleston, West Virginia (the "Paying Agent").

This Bond may be redeemed prior to its stated date of maturity in whole or in part, but only with the express written consent of the Authority and the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (the "Council"), and upon the terms and conditions prescribed by, and otherwise in compliance with, the Loan Agreement by and between the Issuer and the Authority, on behalf of the Council, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 199 \_\_\_\_.

This Bond is issued (i) to pay a portion of the costs of acquisition and construction of certain additions, betterments and improvements to the existing public waterworks system of the Issuer (the "Project"); and (ii) to pay certain costs of issuance of the Bonds of this Series (the "Bonds") and related costs. The existing public waterworks system of the Issuer, the Project, and any further additions, betterments or improvements

thereto are herein called the "System." This Bond is issued under the authority of and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of West Virginia, including particularly Chapter 8, Article 19 and Chapter 31, Article 15A of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended (collectively, the "Act"), and a Bond Ordinance duly enacted by the Issuer on \_\_\_\_\_, 199\_\_\_\_, and a Supplemental Resolution duly adopted by the Issuer on \_\_\_\_\_, 199\_\_\_\_ (collectively, the "Bond Legislation"), and is subject to all the terms and conditions thereof. The Bond Legislation provides for the issuance of additional bonds under certain conditions, and such bonds would be entitled to be paid and secured equally and ratably from and by the funds and revenues and other security provided for the Bonds under the Bond Legislation.

**THIS BOND IS ISSUED ON A PARITY WITH RESPECT TO LIENS, PLEDGE AND SOURCE OF AND SECURITY FOR PAYMENT, AND IN ALL RESPECTS, WITH THE ISSUER'S WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 A (UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE), DATED \_\_\_\_\_, 1997, ISSUED CONCURRENTLY HERewith IN THE ORIGINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$\_\_\_\_\_ (THE "SERIES 1997 A BONDS").**

This Bond is payable only from and secured by a pledge of the Gross Revenues (as defined in the Bond Legislation) to be derived from the operation of the System, on a parity with the pledge of Gross Revenues in favor of the Holders of the Series 1997 A Bonds, and from moneys in the Reserve Account created under the Bond Legislation for the Bonds (the "Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account"), and unexpended proceeds of the Bonds. Such Gross Revenues shall be sufficient to pay all operating expenses of the System and the principal of and interest on all bonds which may be issued pursuant to the Act and which shall be set aside as a special fund hereby pledged for such purpose. This Bond does not constitute a corporate indebtedness of the Issuer within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provisions or limitations, nor shall the Issuer be obligated to pay the same or the interest, if any, hereon, except from said special fund provided from the Gross Revenues, the moneys in the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account and unexpended proceeds of the Bonds. Pursuant to the Bond Legislation, the Issuer has covenanted and agreed to establish and maintain just and equitable rates and charges for the use of the System and the services rendered thereby, which shall be sufficient, together with other revenues of the System, to provide for the reasonable expenses of operation, repair and maintenance of the System, and to leave a balance each year equal to at least 115% of the maximum amount payable in any year for principal of and interest, if any, on the Bonds, and all other obligations secured by a lien on or payable from such revenues prior to or on a parity with the Bonds, including the Series 1997 A Bonds; provided however, that so long as there exists in the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account an amount at least equal to the maximum amount of principal and interest, if any, which will become due on the Bonds in the then current or any succeeding year, and in the respective reserve accounts established for any other obligations outstanding prior to or on a parity with the Bonds, including the Series 1997 A Bonds, an amount at least equal to the requirement therefor, such percentage may be reduced to 110%. The Issuer has

entered into certain further covenants with the registered owners of the Bonds for the terms of which reference is made to the Bond Legislation. Remedies provided the registered owners of the Bonds are exclusively as provided in the Bond Legislation, to which reference is here made for a detailed description thereof.

Subject to the registration requirements set forth herein, this Bond is transferable, as provided in the Bond Legislation, only upon the books of One Valley Bank, National Association, Charleston, West Virginia, as registrar (the "Registrar"), by the registered owner, or by its attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this Bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by the registered owner or its attorney duly authorized in writing.

Subject to the registration requirements set forth herein, this Bond, under the provision of the Act is, and has all the qualities and incidents of, a negotiable instrument under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of West Virginia.

All money received from the sale of this Bond, after reimbursement and repayment of all amounts advanced for preliminary expenses as provided by law and the Bond Legislation, shall be applied solely to payment of the costs of the Project and costs of issuance hereof described in the Bond Legislation, and there shall be and hereby is created and granted a lien upon such moneys, until so applied, in favor of the registered owner of this Bond.

In accordance with the requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture for the issuance of parity obligations, the Bonds will be in default should any proceeds of the Bonds be used for a purpose that will contribute to excessive erosion of highly erodible land or to the conversion of wetlands to produce an agricultural commodity.

**IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, RECITED AND DECLARED** that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, happen and be performed precedent to and at the issuance of this Bond do exist, have happened, and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by law, and that the amount of this Bond, together with all other obligations of the Issuer, does not exceed any limit prescribed by the Constitution or statutes of the State of West Virginia and that a sufficient amount of the Gross Revenues of the System has been pledged to and will be set aside into said special fund by the Issuer for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on this Bond.

All provisions of the Bond Legislation, resolutions and statutes under which this Bond is issued shall be deemed to be a part of the contract evidenced by this Bond to the same extent as if written fully herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the CITY OF ROMNEY has caused this Bond to be signed by its Mayor, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by its Recorder, and has caused this Bond to be dated \_\_\_\_\_, 199\_\_\_\_.

[SEAL]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recorder

(Form of)

**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION AND REGISTRATION**

This Bond is one of the Series 1997 B Bonds described in the within-mentioned Bond Legislation and has been duly registered in the name of the registered owner set forth above, as of the date set forth below.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

ONE VALLEY BANK,  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
as Registrar

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer

EXHIBIT A

RECORD OF ADVANCES

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
(1) \$		(19) \$	
(2) \$		(20) \$	
(3) \$		(21) \$	
(4) \$		(22) \$	
(5) \$		(23) \$	
(6) \$		(24) \$	
(7) \$		(25) \$	
(8) \$		(26) \$	
(9) \$		(27) \$	
(10) \$		(28) \$	
(11) \$		(29) \$	
(12) \$		(30) \$	
(13) \$		(31) \$	
(14) \$		(32) \$	
(15) \$		(33) \$	
(16) \$		(34) \$	
(17) \$		(35) \$	
(18) \$		(36) \$	

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT B**

**SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE**

(Form of)

**ASSIGNMENT**

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned sells, assigns, and transfers unto  
\_\_\_\_\_  
the within Bond and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint  
\_\_\_\_\_, Attorney to transfer the said Bond  
on the books kept for registration of the within Bond of the said Issuer with full power of  
substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

In the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Section 3.11. Sale of Bonds; Approval and Ratification of Execution of Loan Agreement. A. The Series 1997 A Bonds shall be sold to the Purchaser, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Letter of Conditions.

B. The Series 1997 B Bonds shall be sold to the Authority, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement. If not so authorized by previous ordinance or resolution, the Mayor is specifically authorized and directed to execute the Loan Agreement in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and made a part hereof, and the Recorder is directed to affix the seal of the Issuer, attest the same and deliver the Loan Agreement to the Authority, and any such prior execution and delivery is hereby authorized, approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 3.12. "Amended Schedule B" Filing. Upon completion of the acquisition and construction of the Project, the Issuer will file with the Purchaser, the Council and the Authority a schedule in substantially the form of the "Amended Schedule B" to the Loan Agreement, setting forth the actual costs of the Project and sources of funds therefor.

**ARTICLE IV**

**[RESERVED]**

## ARTICLE V

### FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS; SYSTEM REVENUES AND APPLICATION THEREOF

Section 5.01.      Establishment of Funds and Accounts with Depository Bank. The following special funds or accounts are hereby created with and shall be held by the Depository Bank separate and apart from all other funds or accounts of the Depository Bank and the Issuer and from each other:

- (1)            Revenue Fund;
- (2)            Renewal and Replacement Fund;
- (3)            Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Account;
- (4)            Series 1997 A Bonds  
Construction Trust Fund; and
- (5)            Series 1997 B Bonds Construction Trust Fund.

Section 5.02.      Establishment of Funds and Accounts with Commission. The following special funds or accounts are hereby created with and shall be held by the Commission separate and apart from all other funds or accounts of the Commission and the Issuer and from each other:

- (1)            Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund; and
- (2)            Within the Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund, the  
Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account.

Section 5.03.      System Revenues; Flow of Funds. A. The entire Gross Revenues derived from the operation of the System shall be deposited upon receipt in the Revenue Fund. The Revenue Fund shall constitute a trust fund for the purposes provided in this Bond Legislation and shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds of the Issuer and the Depository Bank and used only for the purposes and in the manner provided in this Bond Legislation. All revenues at any time on deposit in the Revenue Fund shall be disposed of only in the following order and priority:

- (1)            The Issuer shall first, on the first day of each month, transfer from the Revenue Fund and simultaneously (i) remit to the National Finance Office designated in the Series 1997 A Bonds the amount required to pay interest on the Series 1997 A Bonds, and to amortize the principal of the Series 1997 A Bonds over the life of such

bond issue; and (ii) commencing 3 months prior to the first date of payment of principal of the Series 1997 B Bonds, remit to the Commission for deposit in the Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund, an amount equal to 1/3rd of the amount of principal which will mature and become due on the Series 1997 B Bonds on the next ensuing quarterly principal payment date; provided that, in the event the period to elapse between the date of such initial deposit in the Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund and the next quarterly principal payment date is less than 3 months, then such monthly payments shall be increased proportionately to provide, 1 month prior to the next quarterly principal payment date, the required amount of principal coming due on such date.

(2) The Issuer shall next, on the first day of each month, transfer from the Revenue Fund and simultaneously (i) commencing 3 months prior to the first date of payment of principal of the Series 1997 A Bonds, if not fully funded upon issuance of the Series 1997 A Bonds, remit to the Depository Bank for deposit in the Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Account, an amount equal to 1/120 of the Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Requirement; provided that, no further payments shall be made into the Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Account when there shall have been deposited therein, and as long as there shall remain on deposit therein, an amount equal to the Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Requirement; and (ii) commencing 3 months prior to the first date of payment of principal of the Series 1997 B Bonds, if not fully funded upon issuance of the Series 1997 B Bonds, remit to the Commission for deposit in the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account, an amount equal to 1/120 of the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Requirement; provided that, no further payments shall be made into the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account when there shall have been deposited therein, and as long as there shall remain on deposit therein, an amount equal to the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Requirement.

(3) The Issuer shall next, each month, pay from the moneys in the Revenue Fund all current Operating Expenses of the System.

(4) The Issuer shall next, each month, transfer from the Revenue Fund and remit to the Depository Bank for deposit in the Renewal and Replacement Fund an amount equal to 2 1/2% of the Gross Revenues each month, exclusive of any payments for account of any Reserve Account. All funds in the Renewal and Replacement Fund shall be kept apart from all other funds of the Issuer or of the Depository Bank and shall be invested and reinvested in accordance with Article VIII hereof. Withdrawals and disbursements may be made from the Renewal and Replacement Fund for replacements, repairs,

improvements or extensions to the System; provided, that any deficiencies in any Reserve Account (except to the extent such deficiency exists because the required payments into such accounts have not, as of the date of determination of a deficiency, funded such accounts to the maximum extent required hereof) shall be promptly eliminated with moneys from the Renewal and Replacement Fund.

(5) After all the foregoing provisions for use of moneys in the Revenue Fund have been fully complied with, any moneys remaining therein and not permitted to be retained therein may be used to prepay installments of the Bonds or for any lawful purpose of the System.

Moneys in the Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Account shall be used only for the purpose of paying principal of and interest on the Series 1997 A Bonds as the same shall come due, when other moneys are insufficient therefor, and for no other purpose. Whenever the moneys in the Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Account shall be sufficient to prepay the Series 1997 A Bonds in full, it shall be the mandatory duty of the Issuer, anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, to prepay, at the earliest practical date and in accordance with applicable provisions hereof, the Series 1997 A Bonds and accrued interest thereon to such prepayment date.

Moneys in the Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund shall be used only for the purposes of paying principal of and interest, if any, on the Series 1997 B Bonds as the same shall become due. Moneys in the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account shall be used only for the purpose of paying principal of and interest, if any, on the Series 1997 B Bonds as the same shall come due, when other moneys in the Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund are insufficient therefor, and for no other purpose. Whenever the moneys in the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account shall be sufficient to prepay the Series 1997 B Bonds in full, it shall be the mandatory duty of the Issuer, anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, to prepay, at the earliest practical date and in accordance with applicable provisions hereof, the Series 1997 B Bonds and accrued interest thereon to such prepayment date.

All investment earnings on moneys in the Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund and the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account (if fully funded) shall be returned, not less than once each year, by the Commission to the Issuer, and such amounts shall, during construction of the Project, be deposited in the Series 1997 B Bonds Construction Trust Fund, and following completion of construction of the Project, shall be deposited in the Revenue Fund and applied in full, first to the next ensuing interest payment, if any, due on the Series 1997 B Bonds and then to the next ensuing principal payment due thereon.

Any withdrawals from the Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Account or the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account which result in a reduction in the balance of such accounts to below the Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Requirement and the Series 1997 B

Bonds Reserve Requirement, respectively, shall be subsequently restored from the first Gross Revenues available after all required payments have been made as set forth above.

As and when additional Bonds ranking on a parity with the Series 1997 A Bonds and the Series 1997 B Bonds are issued, provision shall be made for additional payments into the respective sinking fund sufficient to pay the interest on such additional parity Bonds and accomplish retirement thereof at maturity and to accumulate a balance in the appropriate reserve account in an amount equal to the maximum amount of principal and interest which will become due in any year for account of the Bonds of such series, including such additional Bonds.

The Issuer shall not be required to make any further payments into the Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund, the Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Account or the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account when the aggregate amount of funds therein are at least equal to the aggregate principal amount of the respective Bonds issued pursuant to this Bond Legislation then Outstanding and all interest, if any, to accrue until the maturity thereof.

Principal, interest or reserve payments, whether for a deficiency or otherwise, shall be made on a parity and pro rata, with respect to the Series 1997 A Bonds and Series 1997 B Bonds in accordance with the respective principal amounts then Outstanding.

The Depository Bank is hereby designated as the Fiscal Agent for the administration of the Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Account and the Renewal and Replacement Fund as herein provided, and all amounts required for the Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Account and the Renewal and Replacement Fund will be deposited therein by the Issuer upon transfers of funds from the Revenue Fund at the times provided herein, together with written directions stating the amount remitted for deposit into each such fund.

The Issuer may designate another bank or trust company insured by FDIC as Depository Bank if the Depository Bank should cease for any reason to serve or if the Governing Body determines by resolution that the Depository Bank or its successor should no longer serve as Depository Bank. Upon any such change, the Governing Body will cause notice of the change to be sent by registered or certified mail to the Purchaser, the Council and the Authority.

The Commission is hereby designated as the fiscal agent for the administration of the Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund and the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account created hereunder, and all amounts required for said accounts shall be remitted to the Commission from the Revenue Fund by the Issuer at the times provided herein. If required by either the Authority or the Council at any time, the Issuer shall make the necessary arrangements whereby required payments into the Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund and the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account shall be automatically deducted from the Revenue Fund and transferred to the Commission on the dates required hereunder.

Moneys in the Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund and the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account shall be invested and reinvested by the Commission in accordance with Section 8.01 hereof.

The Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund, including the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account therein, shall be used solely and only for, and are hereby pledged for, the purpose of servicing the Series 1997 B Bonds and any additional Bonds ranking on a parity therewith that may be issued and Outstanding under the conditions and restrictions hereinafter set forth.

B. The Issuer shall on the first day of each month (if such day is not a business day, then the next succeeding business day) deposit with the Commission the required principal, interest and reserve payments with respect to the Series 1997 B Bonds and all such payments shall be remitted to the Commission with appropriate instructions as to the custody, use and application thereof consistent with the provisions of this Bond Legislation.

C. The Issuer shall remit from the Revenue Fund to the Commission, the Registrar, the Paying Agent or the Depository Bank, on such dates as the Commission, the Registrar, the Paying Agent or the Depository Bank, as the case may be, shall require, such additional sums as shall be necessary to pay their respective charges, fees and expenses then due. In the case of payments to the Commission under this paragraph, the Issuer shall, if required by either the Authority or the Council at any time, make the necessary arrangements whereby such required payments shall be automatically deducted from the Revenue Fund and transferred to the Commission on the dates required.

D. The moneys in excess of the sum insured by the maximum amounts insured by FDIC in any of the funds or accounts shall at all times be secured, to the full extent thereof in excess of such insured sum, by Qualified Investments as shall be eligible as security for deposits of state and municipal funds under the laws of the State.

E. If on any monthly payment date the revenues are insufficient to place the required amount in any of the funds and accounts as hereinabove provided, the deficiency shall be made up in the subsequent payments in addition to the payments which would otherwise be required to be made into the funds and accounts on the subsequent payment dates; provided, however, that the priority of curing deficiencies in the funds and accounts herein shall be in the same order as payments are to be made pursuant to this Section 5.03, and the Gross Revenues shall be applied to such deficiencies before being applied to any other payments hereunder.

F. All remittances made by the Issuer to the Commission or the Depository Bank shall clearly identify the fund or account into which each amount is to be deposited.

G. The Gross Revenues of the System shall only be used for purposes of the System.

## ARTICLE VI

### BOND PROCEEDS; CONSTRUCTION DISBURSEMENTS

Section 6.01.      Application of Bond Proceeds; Pledge of Unexpended Bond Proceeds. From the moneys received from the sale of any or all of the Bonds, the following amounts shall be first deducted and deposited in the order set forth below:

A. From the proceeds of the Series 1997 B Bonds, there shall be deposited with the Commission in the Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund, the amount, if any, set forth in the Supplemental Resolution Account as capitalized interest; provided, that such amount may not exceed the amount necessary to pay interest, if any, on the Series 1997 B Bonds for the period commencing on the date of issuance of the Series 1997 B Bonds and ending 6 months after the estimated date of completion of construction of the Project.

B. Next, from the proceeds of the Series 1997 A Bonds, there shall be deposited with the Depository Bank in the Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Account, the amount, if any, set forth in the Supplemental Resolution for funding the Series 1997 A Bonds Reserve Account, and from the proceeds of the Series 1997 B Bonds, there shall be deposited with the Commission in the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account, the amount, if any, set forth in the Supplemental Resolution for funding of the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account.

C. As the Issuer receives advances of the remaining moneys derived from the sale of the Bonds, such moneys shall be deposited with the Depository Bank in the respective Bond Construction Trust Fund and applied solely to payment of Costs of the Project in the manner set forth in Section 6.02 hereof.

D. The Depository Bank shall act as a trustee and fiduciary for the Bondholders with respect to the respective Bond Construction Trust Fund and shall comply with all requirements with respect to the disposition of such funds set forth in the Bond Legislation. Moneys in the respective Bond Construction Trust Fund shall be used solely to pay Costs of the Project and until so transferred or expended, are hereby pledged as additional security for the Bonds.

Section 6.02.      Disbursements From the Bond Construction Trust Fund.

A. Moneys in the Series 1997 A Bonds Construction Trust Fund shall be used solely to pay the cost of acquisition and construction of the Project upon vouchers and other documentation approved by the Purchaser.

Until completion of acquisition and construction of the Project, the Issuer will transfer from the Series 1997 A Bonds Construction Trust Fund and pay to the Purchaser on or before the due date, such sums as shall be from time to time required to make the monthly

installment payments on the Series 1997 A Bonds if there are not sufficient Gross Revenues to make such monthly payment.

When construction of the Project has been completed and all costs thereof have been paid or provision for such payment has been made, any balance remaining in the Series 1997 A Bonds Construction Trust Fund shall be disposed of in accordance with the regulations of the Purchaser.

B. With respect to the Series 1997 B Bonds Construction Trust Fund, the Issuer shall on or about the 15th day of each month provide the Council and the Authority with a requisition for the costs incurred for the Project, together with such documentation as the Council shall require. Payments for costs of the Project shall be made monthly.

Except as provided in Section 6.01 hereof, disbursements from the Series 1997 B Bonds Construction Trust Fund (except for the costs of issuance of the Bonds hereby authorized, which shall be made upon request of the Issuer) shall be made only after submission to the Depository Bank of a certificate, signed by an Authorized Officer and the Consulting Engineers, stating:

- (i) That none of the items for which the payment is proposed to be made has formed the basis for any disbursement theretofore made;
- (ii) That each item for which the payment is proposed to be made is or was necessary in connection with the Project and constitutes a Cost of the Project;
- (iii) That each of such costs has been otherwise properly incurred; and
- (iv) That payment for each of the items proposed is then due and owing.

All payments made from the Series 1997 B Bonds Construction Trust Fund shall be presumed by the Depository Bank to be made for the purposes set forth in said certificate, and the Depository Bank shall not be required to monitor the application of disbursements from such fund.

After completion of construction of the Project, as certified by the Consulting Engineers, and all costs have been paid, any remaining proceeds of the Series 1997 B Bonds shall be used as directed in writing by the Council and the Authority.

Pending such application, moneys in the respective Bond Construction Trust Fund shall be invested and reinvested in Qualified Investments at the written direction of the Issuer.

## ARTICLE VII

### ADDITIONAL COVENANTS OF THE ISSUER

Section 7.01.      General Covenants of the Issuer. All the covenants, agreements and provisions of this Bond Legislation shall be and constitute valid and legally binding covenants of the Issuer and shall be enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction by any Holder or Holders of the Bonds. In addition to the other covenants, agreements and provisions of this Bond Legislation, the Issuer hereby covenants and agrees with the Holders of the Bonds as hereinafter provided in this Article VII. All such covenants, agreements and provisions shall be irrevocable, except as provided herein, as long as any of the Bonds or the interest thereon, if any, is Outstanding and unpaid.

Section 7.02.      Bonds not to be Indebtedness of the Issuer. The Bonds shall not be nor constitute an indebtedness of the Issuer within the meaning of any constitutional, statutory or charter limitation of indebtedness, but shall be payable solely from the funds pledged for such payment by this Bond Legislation. No Holder or Holders of any Bonds, shall ever have the right to compel the exercise of the taxing power of the Issuer to pay the Bonds or the interest, if any, thereon.

Section 7.03.      Bonds Secured by Pledge of Gross Revenues. The payment of the debt service of the Series 1997 A Bonds and the Series 1997 B Bonds shall be secured forthwith equally and ratably with each other by a first lien on the Gross Revenues derived from the System, on a parity with each other. The Gross Revenues in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds and to make the payments into all funds and accounts and all other payments provided for in the Bond Legislation are hereby irrevocably pledged, in the manner provided herein, to such payments as they become due, and for the other purposes provided in the Bond Legislation.

Section 7.04.      Rates and Charges. The initial schedule of rates and charges for the services and facilities of the System shall be as set forth in the water rate ordinance duly enacted by the Issuer on July 14, 1997, which rates and charges are hereby incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof.

Section 7.05.      Sale of the System. So long as the Bonds are outstanding and except as otherwise required by law or with the written consent of the Purchaser, the Authority and the Council, the System may not be sold, mortgaged, leased or otherwise disposed of except as a whole, or substantially as a whole, and only if the net proceeds to be realized shall be sufficient to pay fully all the Bonds Outstanding, or to effectively defease the pledge created by this Bond Legislation in accordance with Article X hereof. The proceeds from any such sale, mortgage, lease or other disposition of the System shall, with respect to the Series 1997 A Bonds, immediately be remitted to the National Finance Office designated in the Series 1997 A Bonds, and with respect to the Series 1997 B Bonds,

immediately be remitted to the Commission for deposit in the Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund, and, with the written consent of the Purchaser, the Authority and the Council, the Issuer shall direct the National Finance Office and the Commission to apply such proceeds to the payment of principal of and interest, if any, on the Bonds. Any balance remaining after the payment of all the Bonds and interest thereon shall be remitted to the Issuer by the Commission unless necessary for the payment of other obligations of the Issuer payable out of the revenues of the System.

The foregoing provision notwithstanding, the Issuer shall have and hereby reserves the right to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any of the property comprising a part of the System hereinafter determined in the manner provided herein to be no longer necessary, useful or profitable in the operation thereof. Prior to any such sale, lease or other disposition of such property, if the amount to be received therefor, together with all other amounts received during the same Fiscal Year for such sales, leases or other dispositions of such properties, is not in excess of \$50,000, the Issuer shall, in writing, determine that such property comprising a part of the System is no longer necessary, useful or profitable in the operation thereof and may then provide for the sale of such property. The proceeds derived from any such sale shall be deposited in the Revenue Fund. If the amount to be received from such sale, lease or other disposition of said property, together with all other amounts received during the same Fiscal Year for such sales, leases or other dispositions of such properties, shall be in excess of \$50,000 but not in excess of \$200,000, the Issuer shall first, in writing, determine upon consultation with the Consulting Engineers that such property comprising a part of the System is no longer necessary, useful or profitable in the operation thereof and the Governing Body may then, if it be so advised, by resolution duly adopted, authorize such sale, lease or other disposition of such property upon public bidding in accordance with the laws of the State. The proceeds derived from any such sale shall be deposited in the Renewal and Replacement Fund.

No sale, lease or other disposition of the properties of the System shall be made by the Issuer if the proceeds to be derived therefrom, together with all other amounts received during the same Fiscal Year for such sales, leases, or other dispositions of such properties, shall be in excess of \$200,000 and insufficient to pay all Bonds then Outstanding without the prior approval and consent in writing of the Holders of the Bonds then Outstanding. The Issuer shall prepare the form of such approval and consent for execution by the then Holders of the Bonds for the disposition of the proceeds of the sale, lease or other disposition of such properties of the System.

**Section 7.06. Issuance of Other Obligations Payable Out of Revenues and General Covenant Against Encumbrances.** Except as provided for in Section 7.06 and Section 7.07 hereof, the Issuer shall not issue any other obligations whatsoever payable from the revenues of the System which rank prior to, or equally, as to lien on and source of and security for payment from such revenues with the Bonds. All obligations issued by the Issuer after the issuance of the Bonds and payable from the revenues of the System, except such additional parity Bonds, shall contain an express statement that such obligations are junior

and subordinate, as to lien on and source of and security for payment from such revenues and in all other respects, to the Bonds; provided, that no such subordinate obligations shall be issued unless all payments required to be made into all funds and accounts set forth herein have been made and are current at the time of the issuance of such subordinate obligations.

Except as provided above, the Issuer shall not create, or cause or permit to be created, any debt, lien, pledge, assignment, encumbrance or any other charge having priority over or being on a parity with the lien of the Bonds, and the interest thereon, upon any of the income and revenues of the System pledged for payment of the Bonds and the interest thereon in this Bond Legislation, or upon the System or any part thereof.

The Issuer shall give the Purchaser, the Authority and the Council prior written notice of its issuance of any other obligations to be used for the System, payable from the revenues of the System or from any grants for the System, or any other obligations related to the Project or the System.

Section 7.07.      Parity Bonds. No Parity Bonds, payable out of the revenues of the System, shall be issued after the issuance of any Bonds pursuant to this Bond Legislation, except under the conditions and in the manner herein provided.

All Parity Bonds issued hereunder shall be on a parity in all respects with the Bonds, and must have the prior written consent of the Purchaser, the Authority and the Council.

No such Parity Bonds shall be issued except for the purpose of financing the costs of the acquisition or construction of extensions, additions, betterments or improvements to the System or refunding the Bonds issued pursuant hereto, or both such purposes.

No Parity Bonds shall be issued at any time, however, unless there has been procured and filed with the Recorder a written statement by the Independent Certified Public Accountants, reciting the conclusion that the Net Revenues actually derived, subject to the adjustments hereinafter provided for, from the System during any 12 consecutive months within the 18 months immediately preceding the date of the actual issuance of such Parity Bonds, shall not be less than 115% of the largest aggregate amount that will mature and become due in any succeeding Fiscal Year for principal of and interest on the following:

- (1) The Bonds then Outstanding;
- (2) Any Parity Bonds theretofore issued pursuant to the provisions contained in this Ordinance then Outstanding; and
- (3) The Parity Bonds then proposed to be issued.

The Net Revenues actually derived from the System during the 12-consecutive month period hereinabove referred to may be adjusted by adding to such Net Revenues such

additional Net Revenues which would have been received, in the opinion of the Independent Certified Public Accountants, on account of increased rates, rentals, fees and charges for the System adopted by the Issuer, the time for appeal of which has expired (without successful appeal) prior to issuance of such Parity Bonds.

All covenants and other provisions of this Bond Legislation (except as to details of such Parity Bonds inconsistent herewith) shall be for the equal benefit, protection and security of the Holders of the Bonds and the Holders of any Parity Bonds theretofore or subsequently issued from time to time within the limitations of and in compliance with this section. Bonds issued on a parity, regardless of the time or times of their issuance, shall rank equally with respect to their lien on the revenues of the System and their source of and security for payment from said revenues, without preference of any Bond of one series over any other Bond of the same series. The Issuer shall comply fully with all the increased payments into the various funds and accounts created in this Bond Legislation required for and on account of such Parity Bonds, in addition to the payments required for Bonds theretofore issued pursuant to this Bond Legislation.

Parity Bonds shall not be deemed to include bonds, notes, certificates or other obligations subsequently issued, the lien of which on the revenues of the System is subject to the prior and superior liens of the Bonds on such revenues. The Issuer shall not issue any obligations whatsoever payable from the revenues of the System, or any part thereof, which rank prior to or, except in the manner and under the conditions provided in this section, equally, as to lien on and source of and security for payment from such revenues, with the Bonds.

No Parity Bonds shall be issued any time, however, unless all the payments into the respective funds and accounts provided for in this Bond Legislation with respect to the Bonds then Outstanding, and any other payments provided for in this Bond Legislation, shall have been made in full as required to the date of delivery of such Parity Bonds, and the Issuer shall then be in full compliance with all the covenants, agreements and terms of this Bond Legislation.

Section 7.08. Books; Records and Facilities. The Issuer shall keep complete and accurate records of the cost of acquiring the Project site and the costs of acquiring, constructing and installing the Project. The Issuer shall permit the Purchaser, the Authority and the Council or their agents and representatives, to inspect all books, documents, papers and records relating to the Project and the System at all reasonable times for the purpose of audit and examination. The Issuer shall submit to the Purchaser, the Authority and the Council such documents and information as they may reasonably require in connection with the acquisition, construction and installation of the Project, the operation and maintenance of the System and the administration of the loan or any grants or other sources of financing for the Project.

The Issuer shall permit the Purchaser, the Authority and the Council or their agents and representatives, to inspect all records pertaining to the operation of the System at all reasonable times following completion of construction of the Project and commencement of operation thereof, or, if the Project is an improvement to an existing system, at any reasonable time following commencement of construction.

The Issuer will keep books and records of the System, which shall be separate and apart from all other books, records and accounts of the Issuer, in which complete and correct entries shall be made of all transactions relating to the System, and any Holder of a Bond or Bonds issued pursuant to this Bond Legislation shall have the right at all reasonable times to inspect the System and all parts thereof and all records, accounts and data of the Issuer relating thereto.

The accounting system for the System shall follow current generally accepted accounting principles and safeguards to the extent allowed and as prescribed by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia. Separate control accounting records shall be maintained by the Issuer. Subsidiary records as may be required shall be kept in the manner and on the forms, books and other bookkeeping records as prescribed by the Issuer. The Issuer shall prescribe and institute the manner by which subsidiary records of the accounting system which may be installed remote from the direct supervision of the Issuer shall be reported to such agent of the Issuer as the Governing Body shall direct.

The Issuer shall file with the Purchaser, the Council and the Authority, or any other original purchaser of the Bonds, and shall mail in each year to any Holder or Holders of the Bonds, requesting the same, an annual report containing the following:

(A) A statement of Gross Revenues, Operating Expenses, Net Revenues and Surplus Revenues derived from and relating to the System.

(B) A balance sheet statement showing all deposits in all the funds and accounts provided for in this Bond Legislation and the status of all said funds and accounts.

(C) The amount of any Bonds, notes or other obligations payable from the revenues of the System outstanding.

The Issuer shall also, at least once a year, cause the books, records and accounts of the System to be audited by Independent Certified Public Accountants and shall mail upon request, and make available generally, the report of said Independent Certified Public Accountants, or a summary thereof, to any Holder or Holders of the Bonds and shall submit said report to the Purchaser, the Authority and the Council, or any other original purchaser of the Bonds. Such audit report submitted to the Purchaser, the Authority and the Council shall include a statement that the Issuer is in compliance with the terms and provisions of the

Loan Agreement and this Bond Legislation and that the revenues of the System are adequate to meet the Issuer's Operating Expenses and debt service and reserve requirements.

The Issuer shall permit the Purchaser, the Authority and the Council, or their agents and representatives, to enter and inspect the Project site and Project facilities at all reasonable times. Prior to, during and after completion of construction of the Project, the Issuer shall also provide the Purchaser, the Authority and the Council, or their agents and representatives, with access to the System site and System facilities as may be reasonably necessary to accomplish all of their powers and rights with respect to the System pursuant to the Act.

Section 7.09. Rates. Equitable rates or charges for the use of and service rendered by the System have been established all in the manner and form required by law, and copies of such rates and charges so established will be continuously on file with the Recorder, which copies will be open to inspection by all interested parties. The schedule of rates and charges shall at all times be adequate to produce Gross Revenues from the System sufficient to pay Operating Expenses and to make the prescribed payments into the funds created hereunder. Such schedule of rates and charges shall be changed and readjusted whenever necessary so that the aggregate of the rates and charges will be sufficient for such purposes. In order to assure full and continuous performance of this covenant, with a margin for contingencies and temporary unanticipated reduction in income and revenues, the Issuer hereby covenants and agrees that the schedule of rates or charges from time to time in effect shall be sufficient, together with other revenues of the System (i) to provide for all Operating Expenses of the System and (ii) to leave a balance each year equal to at least 115% of the maximum amount required in any year for payment of principal of and interest, if any, on the Bonds and all other obligations secured by a lien on or payable from such revenues prior to or on a parity with the Bonds; provided that, in the event amounts equal to or in excess of the reserve requirements are on deposit in the respective Reserve Accounts and any reserve accounts for obligations prior to or on a parity with the Bonds, are funded at least at the requirement therefor, such balance each year need only equal at least 110% of the maximum amount required in any year for payment of principal of and interest, if any, on the Bonds and all other obligations secured by a lien on or payable from such revenues prior to or on a parity with the Bonds. In any event, the Issuer shall not reduce the rates or charges for services set forth in the rate ordinance described in Section 7.04 hereof.

Section 7.10. Operating Budget; Audit and Monthly Financial Report. The Issuer shall annually, at least 45 days preceding the beginning of each Fiscal Year, prepare and adopt by resolution a detailed, balanced budget of the estimated revenues and expenditures for operation and maintenance of the System during the succeeding Fiscal Year and shall submit a copy of such budget to the Purchaser, the Authority and the Council within 30 days of adoption thereof. No expenditures for the operation and maintenance of the System shall be made in any Fiscal Year in excess of the amounts provided therefor in such budget without a written finding and recommendation by a registered professional engineer, which finding and recommendation shall state in detail the purpose of and necessity for such

increased expenditures for the operation and maintenance of the System, and no such increased expenditures shall be made until the Issuer shall have approved such finding and recommendation by a resolution duly adopted. No increased expenditures in excess of 10% of the amount of such budget shall be made except upon the further certificate of a registered professional engineer that such increased expenditures are necessary for the continued operation of the System. The Issuer shall mail copies of such annual budget and all resolutions authorizing increased expenditures for operation and maintenance to the Purchaser, the Authority and the Council, or to any Holder of the Bonds, who shall file his or her address with the Issuer and request in writing that copies of all such budgets and resolutions be furnished him or her and shall make available such budgets and all resolutions authorizing increased expenditures for operation and maintenance of the System at all reasonable times to any Holder of any Bonds or anyone acting for and in behalf of such Holder of any Bonds.

Commencing on the date contracts are executed for the acquisition and construction of the Project and for 2 years following the completion of the Project, the Issuer shall each month complete a "Monthly Financial Report," a form of which is attached to the Loan Agreement as Exhibit C, and forward a copy of such report to the Authority and the Council by the 15th day of each month.

Section 7.11. Engineering Services and Operating Personnel. The Issuer will obtain a certificate of the Consulting Engineers in the form attached to the Loan Agreement, stating, among other things, that the Project has been or will be constructed in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and designs as submitted to the Authority and the Council, the Project is adequate for the purposes for which it was designed, the funding plan as submitted to the Authority and the Council is sufficient to pay the costs of acquisition and construction of the Project, and all permits required by federal and state laws for construction of the Project have been obtained.

The Issuer shall provide and maintain competent and adequate resident engineering services satisfactory to the Purchaser, the Authority and the Council covering the supervision and inspection of the development and construction of the Project and bearing the responsibility of assuring that construction conforms to the plans, specifications and designs prepared by the Consulting Engineers, which have been approved by all necessary governmental bodies. Such resident engineer shall certify to the Purchaser, the Authority, the Council and the Issuer at the completion of construction that construction of the Project is in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and designs, or amendments thereto, approved by all necessary governmental bodies.

The Issuer shall employ qualified operating personnel properly certified by the State to operate the System during the entire term of the Loan Agreement.

Section 7.12. No Competing Franchise. To the extent legally allowable, the Issuer will not grant or cause, consent to or allow the granting of, any franchise or permit

to any person, firm, corporation, body, agency or instrumentality whatsoever for the providing of any services which would compete with services provided by the System.

**Section 7.13. Enforcement of Collections.** The Issuer will diligently enforce and collect all fees, rentals or other charges for the services and facilities of the System, and take all steps, actions and proceedings for the enforcement and collection of such fees, rentals or other charges which shall become delinquent to the full extent permitted or authorized by the Act, the rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia and other laws of the State of West Virginia.

Whenever any fees, rates, rentals or other charges for the services and facilities of the System shall remain unpaid for a period of 30 days after the same shall become due and payable, the property and the owner thereof, as well as the user of the services and facilities, shall be delinquent until such time as all such rates and charges are fully paid. To the extent authorized by the laws of the State and the rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, rates, rentals and other charges, if not paid, when due, shall become a lien on the premises served by the System. The Issuer further covenants and agrees that, it will, to the full extent permitted by law and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, discontinue and shut off the services of the System, to all users of the services of the System delinquent in payment of charges for the services of the System and will not restore such services until all delinquent charges for the services of the System, plus reasonable interest and penalty charges for the restoration of service, have been fully paid and shall take all further actions to enforce collections to the maximum extent permitted by law.

**Section 7.14. No Free Services.** The Issuer will not render or cause to be rendered any free services of any nature by the System, nor will any preferential rates be established for users of the same class; and in the event the Issuer, or any department, agency, instrumentality, officer or employee shall avail itself or themselves of the facilities or services provided by the System, or any part thereof, the same rates, fees or charges applicable to other customers receiving like services under similar circumstances shall be charged the Issuer and any such department, agency, instrumentality, officer or employee. The revenues so received shall be deemed to be revenues derived from the operation of the System, and shall be deposited and accounted for in the same manner as other revenues derived from such operation of the System.

**Section 7.15. Insurance and Construction Bonds.** A. The Issuer hereby covenants and agrees that so long as the Bonds remain Outstanding, the Issuer will, as an Operating Expense, procure, carry and maintain insurance with a reputable insurance carrier or carriers as is customarily covered with respect to works and properties similar to the System. Such insurance shall initially cover the following risks and be in the following amounts:

(1) FIRE, LIGHTNING, VANDALISM, MALICIOUS MISCHIEF AND EXTENDED COVERAGE INSURANCE, on all above-ground insurable portions of the System in an amount equal to the actual cost thereof. In time of war the Issuer will also carry and maintain insurance to the extent available against the risks and hazards of war. The proceeds of all such insurance policies shall be placed in the Renewal and Replacement Fund and used only for the repairs and restoration of the damaged or destroyed properties or for the other purposes provided herein for the Renewal and Replacement Fund. The Issuer will itself, or will require each contractor and subcontractor to, obtain and maintain builder's risk insurance (fire and extended coverage) to protect the interests of the Issuer, the Purchaser, the Authority, the prime contractor and all subcontractors as their respective interests may appear, in accordance with the Loan Agreement, during construction of the Project on a 100% basis (completed value form) on the insurable portion of the Project, such insurance to be made payable to the order of the Purchaser, the Authority, the Issuer, the contractors and subcontractors, as their interests may appear.

(2) PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence to protect the Issuer from claims for bodily injury and/or death and not less than \$500,000 per occurrence from claims for damage to property of others which may arise from the operation of the System, and insurance with the same limits to protect the Issuer from claims arising out of operation or ownership of motor vehicles of or for the System.

(3) WORKER'S COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF OR FOR THE SYSTEM ELIGIBLE THEREFOR; AND PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS, such bonds to be in the amounts of 100% of the construction contract and to be required of each contractor contracting directly with the Issuer, and such payment bonds will be filed with the Clerk of The County Commission of the County in which such work is to be performed prior to commencement of construction of the Project in compliance with West Virginia Code, Chapter 38, Article 2, Section 39.

(4) FLOOD INSURANCE, to be procured, to the extent available at reasonable cost to the Issuer; provided, however, if the Issuer is located in a community which has been notified as having special flood or mudslide prone areas, flood insurance must be obtained.

(5) BUSINESS INTERRUPTION INSURANCE, to the extent available at reasonable cost to the Issuer.

(6) FIDELITY BONDS will be provided as to every officer, member and employee of the Issuer having custody of the revenues or of any other funds of the System, in an amount at least equal to the total funds in the custody of any such person at any one time.

Section 7.16. Connections. To the extent permitted by the laws of the State and rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, the Issuer shall require every owner, tenant or occupant of any house, dwelling or building intended to be served by the System to connect thereto.

Section 7.17. Completion of Project; Permits and Orders. The Issuer will complete the Project as promptly as possible and operate and maintain the System as a revenue-producing utility in good condition and in compliance with all federal and state requirements and standards.

The Issuer will obtain all permits required by state and federal laws for the acquisition and construction of the Project and all orders and approvals from the West Virginia Public Service Commission, if necessary, for the acquisition and construction of the Project and the operation of the System.

Section 7.18. Compliance with Loan Agreement and Law. The Issuer agrees to comply with all the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement and shall by Supplemental Resolution approve such additional terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement. The Issuer also agrees to comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations issued by the Authority, or other state, federal or local bodies in regard to the acquisition and construction of the Project and the operation, maintenance and use of the System. The Issuer shall provide the Council with copies of all documents submitted to the Authority.

Section 7.19. Tax Covenants. The Issuer hereby further covenants and agrees as follows:

A. PRIVATE BUSINESS USE LIMITATION. The Issuer shall assure that (i) not in excess of 10% of the Net Proceeds of the Bonds are used for Private Business Use if, in addition, the payment of more than 10% of the principal or 10% of the interest due on the Bonds during the term thereof is, under the terms of the Bonds or any underlying arrangement, directly or indirectly, secured by any interest in property used or to be used for a Private Business Use or in payments in respect of property used or to be used for a Private Business Use or is to be derived from payments, whether or not to the Issuer, in respect of property or borrowed money used or to be used for a Private Business Use; and (ii) and that, in the event that both (A) in excess of 5% of the Net Proceeds of the Bonds are used for a Private Business Use, and (B) an amount in excess of 5% of the principal or 5% of the interest due on the Bonds during the term thereof is, under the terms of the Bonds or any underlying arrangement, directly or indirectly, secured by any interest in property used or to be used for said Private Business Use or in payments in respect of property used or to be

used for said Private Business Use or is to be derived from payments, whether or not to the Issuer, in respect of property or borrowed money used or to be used for said Private Business Use, then said excess over said 5% of Net Proceeds of the Bonds used for a Private Business Use shall be used for a Private Business Use related to the governmental use of the Project, or if the Bonds are for the purpose of financing more than one project, a portion of the Project, and shall not exceed the proceeds used for the governmental use of that portion of the Project to which such Private Business Use is related, all of the foregoing to be determined in accordance with the Code.

**B. PRIVATE LOAN LIMITATION.** The Issuer shall assure that not in excess of 5% of the Net Proceeds of the Bonds are used, directly or indirectly, to make or finance a loan (other than loans constituting Nonpurpose Investments) to persons other than state or local government units.

**C. FEDERAL GUARANTEE PROHIBITION.** The Issuer shall not take any action or permit or suffer any action to be taken if the result of the same would be to cause the Bonds to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

**D. INFORMATION RETURN.** The Issuer will file all statements, instruments and returns necessary to assure the tax-exempt status of the Bonds and the interest thereon, including, without limitation, the information return required under Section 149(e) of the Code.

**E. FURTHER ACTIONS.** The Issuer will take any and all actions that may be required of it (including, without limitation, those deemed necessary by the Authority) so that the interest on the Bonds will be and remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and will not take any actions, or fail to take any actions (including, without limitation, those deemed necessary by the Authority), the result of which would adversely affect such exclusion.

**Section 7.20. Statutory Mortgage Lien.** For the further protection of the Holders of the Bonds, a statutory mortgage lien upon the System is granted and created by the Act, which statutory mortgage lien is hereby recognized and declared to be valid and binding, shall take effect immediately upon delivery of the Bonds and shall be on a parity with each other.

## ARTICLE VIII

### INVESTMENT OF FUNDS; NON ARBITRAGE

**Section 8.01.**      **Investments.** Any moneys held as a part of the funds and accounts created by this Bond Legislation other than the Revenue Fund, shall be invested and reinvested by the Commission, the Depository Bank, or such other bank or national banking association holding such fund or account, as the case may be, at the written direction of the Issuer in any Qualified Investments to the fullest extent possible under applicable laws, this Bond Legislation, the need for such moneys for the purposes set forth herein and the specific restrictions and provisions set forth in this Section 8.01.

Any investment shall be held in and at all times deemed a part of the fund or account in which such moneys were originally held, and the interest accruing thereon and any profit or loss realized from such investment shall be credited or charged to the appropriate fund or account. The investments held for any fund or account shall be valued at the lower of cost or then current market value, or at the redemption price thereof if then redeemable at the option of the holder, including the value of accrued interest and giving effect to the amortization of discount, or at par if such investment is held in the "Consolidated Fund." The Commission, the Depository Bank, or such other bank or national banking association, as the case may be, shall sell and reduce to cash a sufficient amount of such investments whenever the cash balance in any fund or account is insufficient to make the payments required from such fund or account, regardless of the loss on such liquidation. The Depository Bank may make any and all investments permitted by this section through its own investment or trust department and shall not be responsible for any losses from such investments, other than for its own negligence or willful misconduct.

The Depository Bank shall keep complete and accurate records of all funds, accounts and investments, and shall distribute to the Issuer, at least once each year (or more often if reasonably requested by the Issuer), a summary of such funds, accounts and investment earnings. The Issuer shall retain all such records and any additional records with respect to such funds, accounts and investment earnings so long as any of the Bonds are Outstanding and as long thereafter as necessary to comply with the Code and assure the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

**Section 8.02.**      **Arbitrage.** The Issuer covenants that (i) it shall not take, or permit or suffer to be taken, any action with respect to the gross or other proceeds of the Bonds which would cause the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code, and (ii) it will take all actions that may be required of it (including, without implied limitation, the timely filing of a Federal information return with respect to the Bonds) so that the interest on the Bonds will be and remain excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes, and will not take any actions which would adversely affect such exclusion.

**Section 8.03. Small Issuer Exemption from Rebate of Excess Investment Earnings to the United States.** In accordance with Section 148 (f)(4)(D) of the Code, the Issuer covenants that it is a governmental unit with general taxing powers; that no part of the Bonds are private activity bonds; that 95 % or more of the Net Proceeds of the Bonds are to be used for local governmental activities of the Issuer (or of a governmental unit the jurisdiction of which is entirely within the jurisdiction of the Issuer); and that the aggregate face amount of all the tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) issued by the Issuer during the calendar year in which the Bonds are issued does not and will not exceed \$5,000,000, determined in accordance with Section 148(f)(4)(D) of the Code and the Regulations from time to time in effect an applicable to the Bonds. For purposes of the first paragraph of Section 8.03 and for purposes of applying Section 148(f)(4)(D) of the Code, the Issuer and all entities which issue obligations on behalf of the Issuer shall be treated as one issuer; all obligations issued by a governmental unit to make loans to other governmental units with general taxing powers not subordinate to such unit shall, for purposes of applying this first paragraph of Section 8.03 and Section 148(f)(4)(D) of the Code, be treated as not issued by such unit; all obligations issued by a subordinate entity shall, for purposes of applying this first paragraph of Section 8.03 and Section 148(f)(4)(D) of the Code to each other entity to which such entity is subordinate, be treated as issued by such other entity; and an entity formed (or, to the extent provided by the Secretary, as set forth in the Code, availed of) to avoid the purposes of such Section 148(f)(4)(D) of the Code and all other entities benefiting thereby shall be treated as one issuer.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if in fact the Issuer is subject to the rebate requirements of Section 148(f) of the Code, and not exempted from such requirements, the Issuer covenants to make, or cause to be made, all rebate calculations, computations and payments in the time, manner and as required in Section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations from time to time in effect and applicable to the Bonds and otherwise covenants and agrees to comply with the provisions of such Section 148(f) of the Code and the Regulations form time to time in effect and applicable to the Bonds. In the event of a failure to pay the correct rebate amount, the Issuer will pay from any lawful sources available therefor to the United States such amount, plus a penalty equal to 50% of the rebate amount not paid when required to be paid, plus interest on that amount, unless waived. In order to provide for the administration of this paragraph, the Issuer may provide for the employment of independent attorneys, accountants and consultants compensated on such reasonable basis as the Issuer may deem appropriate.

The Issuer shall furnish to the Authority, annually, and at such time as it is required to perform its rebate calculations under the Code, a certificate with respect to its rebate calculations and, at any time, any additional information relating thereto as may be requested by the Authority. In addition, the Issuer shall cooperate with the Authority in preparing any required rebate calculations and in all other respects in connection with rebates and hereby consents to the performance of all matters in connection with such rebates by the Authority at the expense of the Issuer.

The Issuer shall submit to the Authority within 15 days following the end of each Bond Year a certified copy of its rebate calculation or, if the Issuer qualifies for the small governmental issue exception to rebate, the Issuer shall submit a certificate stating that it is exempt from the rebate provisions and that no event has occurred to its knowledge during the Bond Year which would make the Bonds subject to rebate. The Issuer shall also furnish the Authority, at any time, such additional information relating to rebate as may be reasonably requested by the Authority, including information with respect to earnings on all funds constituting "gross proceeds" of the Bonds (as such term "gross proceeds" is defined in the Code).

## ARTICLE IX

### DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Section 9.01.      Events of Default. Each of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default" with respect to the Bonds:

- (1) If default occurs in the due and punctual payment of the principal of or interest, if any, on any Series of Bonds; or
- (2) If default occurs in the Issuer's observance of any of the covenants, agreements or conditions on its part relating to the Bonds set forth in this Bond Legislation, any supplemental resolution or in the Bonds, and such default shall have continued for a period of 30 days after the Issuer shall have been given written notice of such default by the Commission, the Depository Bank, the Registrar, the Paying Agent or any other Paying Agent or a Holder of a Bond; or
- (3) If the Issuer files a petition seeking reorganization or arrangement under the federal bankruptcy laws or any other applicable law of the United States of America.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if default occurs in the due and punctual payment of the principal of or interest on either Series of the Bonds, it shall constitute an "Event of Default" with respect to the other Series of Bonds.

Section 9.02.      Remedies. Upon the happening and continuance of any Event of Default, any Registered Owner of a Bond may exercise any available remedy and bring any appropriate action, suit or proceeding to enforce his or her rights and, in particular, (i) bring suit for any unpaid principal or interest then due, (ii) by mandamus or other appropriate proceeding enforce all rights of such Registered Owners including the right to require the Issuer to perform its duties under the Act and the Bond Legislation relating thereto, including but not limited to the making and collection of sufficient rates or charges for services rendered by the System, (iii) bring suit upon the Bonds; (iv) by action at law or bill in equity require the Issuer to account as if it were the trustee of an express trust for the Registered Owners of the Bonds, and (v) by action or bill in equity enjoin any acts in violation of the Bond Legislation with respect to the Bonds, or the rights of such Registered Owners; provided that, all rights and remedies of the Holders of the Series 1997 A Bonds and the Series 1997 B Bonds shall be on a parity with each other.

Section 9.03.      Appointment of Receiver. Any Registered Owner of a Bond may, by proper legal action, compel the performance of the duties of the Issuer under the Bond Legislation and the Act, including, the completion of the Project and after

commencement of operation of the System, the making and collection of sufficient rates and charges for services rendered by the System and segregation of the revenues therefrom and the application thereof. If there be any Event of Default with respect to such Bonds, any Registered Owner of a Bond shall, in addition to all other remedies or rights, have the right by appropriate legal proceedings to obtain the appointment of a receiver to administer the System or to complete the acquisition and construction of the Project on behalf of the Issuer, with power to charge rates, rentals, fees and other charges sufficient to provide for the payment of Operating Expenses of the System, the payment of the Bonds and interest and the deposits into the funds and accounts hereby established, and to apply such rates, rentals, fees, charges or other revenues in conformity with the provisions of this Bond Legislation and the Act.

The receiver so appointed shall forthwith, directly or by his or her or its agents and attorneys, enter into and upon and take possession of all facilities of said System and shall hold, operate and maintain, manage and control such facilities, and each and every part thereof, and in the name of the Issuer exercise all the rights and powers of the Issuer with respect to said facilities as the Issuer itself might do.

Whenever all that is due upon the Bonds and interest thereon and under any covenants of this Bond Legislation for reserve, sinking or other funds and upon any other obligations and interest thereon having a charge, lien or encumbrance upon the revenues of the System shall have been paid and made good, and all defaults under the provisions of this Bond Legislation shall have been cured and made good, possession of the System shall be surrendered to the Issuer upon the entry of an order of the court to that effect. Upon any subsequent default, any Registered Owner of any Bonds shall have the same right to secure the further appointment of a receiver upon any such subsequent default.

Such receiver, in the performance of the powers hereinabove conferred upon him or her or it, shall be under the direction and supervision of the court making such appointment, shall at all times be subject to the orders and decrees of such court and may be removed thereby, and a successor receiver may be appointed in the discretion of such court. Nothing herein contained shall limit or restrict the jurisdiction of such court to enter such other and further orders and decrees as such court may deem necessary or appropriate for the exercise by the receiver of any function not specifically set forth herein.

Any receiver appointed as provided herein shall hold and operate the System in the name of the Issuer and for the joint protection and benefit of the Issuer and Registered Owners of the Bonds. Such receiver shall have no power to sell, assign, mortgage or otherwise dispose of any assets of any kind or character belonging or pertaining to the System, but the authority of such receiver shall be limited to the completion of the Project and the possession, operation and maintenance of the System for the sole purpose of the protection of both the Issuer and Registered Owners of such Bonds and the curing and making good of any Event of Default with respect thereto under the provisions of this Bond Legislation, and the title to and ownership of the System shall remain in the Issuer, and no

court shall have any jurisdiction to enter any order or decree permitting or requiring such receiver to sell, assign, mortgage or otherwise dispose of any assets of the System.

## ARTICLE X

### PAYMENT OF BONDS

Section 10.01.      Payment of Series 1997 A Bonds. If the Issuer shall pay or there shall otherwise be paid to the Holder of the Series 1997 A Bonds, the principal of and interest due or to become due thereon, at the times and in the manner stipulated therein and in this Bond Legislation, then with respect to the Series 1997 A Bonds only, the pledge of Gross Revenues and other moneys and securities pledged under this Bond Legislation and all covenants, agreements and other obligations of the Issuer to the Registered Owner of the Series 1997 A Bonds, shall thereupon cease, terminate and become void and be discharged and satisfied.

Section 10.02.      Payment of Series 1997 B Bonds. If the Issuer shall pay or there shall otherwise be paid to the Holder of the Series 1997 B Bonds, the principal of and interest due or to become due thereon, at the times and in the manner stipulated therein and in this Bond Legislation, then with respect to the Series 1997 B Bonds only, the pledge of Gross Revenues and other moneys and securities pledged under this Bond Legislation and all covenants, agreements and other obligations of the Issuer to the Registered Owner of the Series 1997 B Bonds, shall thereupon cease, terminate and become void and be discharged and satisfied.

## ARTICLE XI

### MISCELLANEOUS

Section 11.01. Amendment or Modification of Bond Legislation. Prior to issuance of the Bonds, this Ordinance may be amended or supplemented in any way by the Supplemental Resolution. Following issuance of the Bonds, no material modification or amendment of this Ordinance, or of any ordinance, resolution or order amendatory or supplemental hereto, that would materially and adversely affect the rights of Registered Owners of the Bonds, shall be made without the consent in writing of the Registered Owners of the Bonds so affected and then Outstanding; provided, that no change shall be made in the maturity of the Bonds or the rate of interest, if any, thereon, or in the principal amount thereof, or affecting the unconditional promise of the Issuer to pay such principal and interest out of the funds herein pledged therefor without the consent of the Registered Owner thereof. No amendment or modification shall be made that would reduce the percentage of the principal amount of the Bonds required for consent to the above-permitted amendments or modifications. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Bond Legislation may be amended without the consent of any Bondholder as may be necessary to assure compliance with Section 148(f) of the Code relating to rebate requirements or otherwise as may be necessary to assure the excludability of interest on the Bonds from gross income of the holders thereof.

Section 11.02. Bond Legislation Constitutes Contract. The provisions of the Bond Legislation shall constitute a contract between the Issuer and the Registered Owners of the Bonds, and no change, variation or alteration of any kind of the provisions of the Bond Legislation shall be made in any manner, except as in this Bond Legislation provided.

Section 11.03. Severability of Invalid Provisions. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance should be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, the Supplemental Resolution or the Bonds.

Section 11.04. Headings, Etc. The headings and catchlines of the articles, sections and subsections hereof are for convenience of reference only, and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of any provision hereof.

Section 11.05. Conflicting Provisions Repealed. All ordinances, orders or resolutions and or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed; provided that, this Section shall not be applicable to the Loan Agreement or the Loan Resolution (Form FmHA 442-47).

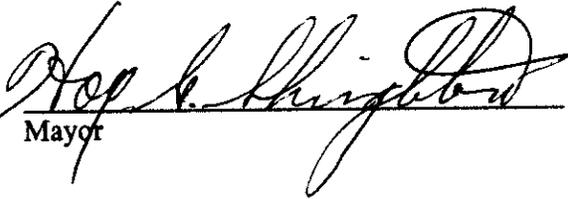
Section 11.06. Covenant of Due Procedure, Etc. The Issuer covenants that all acts, conditions, things and procedures required to exist, to happen, to be performed or

to be taken precedent to and in the adoption of this Ordinance do exist, have happened, have been performed and have been taken in regular and due time, form and manner as required by and in full compliance with the laws and Constitution of the State of West Virginia applicable thereto; and that the Mayor, the Recorder and members of the Governing Body were at all times when any actions in connection with this Ordinance occurred and are duly in office and duly qualified for such office.

Section 11.07. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately following the public hearing hereon and the final reading hereof.

Section 11.08. Statutory Notice and Public Hearing. Upon adoption hereof, an abstract of this Ordinance determined by the Governing Body to contain sufficient information as to give notice of the contents hereof shall be published once a week for 2 successive weeks within a period of fourteen consecutive days, with at least 6 full days intervening between each publication, in The Hampshire Review, a newspaper published and of general circulation in the City of Romney, together with a notice stating that this Ordinance has been adopted and that the Issuer contemplates the issuance of the Bonds, and that any person interested may appear before the Governing Body upon a date certain, not less than ten days subsequent to the date of the first publication of such abstract of this Ordinance and notice, and present protests, and that a certified copy of this Ordinance is on file with the Governing Body for review by interested persons during office hours of the Governing Body. At such hearing, all objections and suggestions shall be heard and the Governing Body shall take such action as it shall deem proper in the premises.

Passed on First Reading: - July 28, 1997  
Passed on Second Reading: - August 4, 1997  
Passed on Final Reading  
Following Public  
Hearing: - August 18, 1997

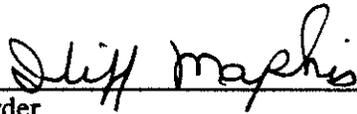
  
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**CERTIFICATION**

Certified a true copy of an Ordinance duly enacted by the Council of the CITY OF ROMNEY on the 18th of August, 1997.

Dated: August 25, 1997.

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Recorder

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CITY OF ROMNEY

Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture)  
and Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund)

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION PROVIDING AS TO PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, DATES, MATURITY DATES, INTEREST RATES, INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL PAYMENT DATES, SALE PRICES AND OTHER TERMS OF THE WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 A (UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE) AND SERIES 1997 B (WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND), OF THE CITY OF ROMNEY; RATIFYING AND APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE SERIES 1997 B BONDS; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE SERIES 1997 A BONDS TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE SERIES 1997 B BONDS TO THE WEST VIRGINIA WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; DESIGNATING A REGISTRAR, PAYING AGENT AND DEPOSITORY BANK; AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS AS TO THE BONDS.

WHEREAS, the city council (the "Governing Body") of the City of Romney (the "Issuer"), has duly and officially adopted and enacted a bond ordinance, effective August 18, 1997 (the "Bond Ordinance"), entitled:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING PUBLIC WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ROMNEY AND THE FINANCING OF THE COST, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THEREOF THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 A (UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE), AND NOT MORE THAN \$1,500,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WATER REVENUE

**BONDS, SERIES 1997 B (WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND); PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF AND SECURITY FOR THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS; APPROVING, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING A LOAN AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE SERIES 1997 B BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SUCH BONDS AND ADOPTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.**

**WHEREAS, capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meaning set forth in the Bond Ordinance when used herein;**

**WHEREAS, the Bond Ordinance provides for the issuance of Water Revenue Bonds of the Issuer (collectively, the "Bonds"), to be issued in two series, being the Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture), in an aggregate principal amount of not more than \$3,000,000 (the "Series 1997 A Bonds"), and the Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund), in an aggregate principal amount of not more than \$1,500,000 (the "Series 1997 B Bonds"), and has authorized the execution and delivery of a loan agreement relating to the Series 1997 B Bonds (the "Loan Agreement"), by and between the Issuer and the West Virginia Water Development Authority (the "Authority"), on behalf of the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (the "Council"), all in accordance with Chapter 8, Article 19 and Chapter 31, Article 15A of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended (collectively, the "Act"); and in the Bond Ordinance it is provided that the form of the Loan Agreement and the exact principal amounts, dates, maturity dates, interest rates, interest and principal payment dates, sale prices and other terms of the Bonds should be established by a supplemental resolution pertaining to the Bonds; and that other matters relating to the Bonds be herein provided for;**

**WHEREAS, the Loan Agreement has been presented to the Issuer at this meeting;**

**WHEREAS, the Series 1997 A Bonds are proposed to be purchased by the United States Department of Agriculture, acting for and on behalf of the United States of America (the "Purchaser") pursuant to a Letter of Conditions, as amended, and the Series 1997 B Bonds are proposed to be purchased by the Authority pursuant to the Loan Agreement; and**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body deems it essential and desirable that this supplemental resolution (the "Supplemental Resolution") be adopted, that the Loan Agreement be approved and entered into by the Issuer, that the exact principal amounts, the dates, the maturity dates, the interest rates and the interest and principal payment dates of the Bonds be fixed hereby in the manner stated herein, and that other matters relating to the Bonds be herein provided for;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ROMNEY:

Section 1. Pursuant to the Bond Ordinance and the Act, this Supplemental Resolution is adopted and there are hereby authorized and ordered to be issued:

(A) Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture) of the Issuer, originally represented by a single Bond, numbered AR-1 in the principal amount of \$2,900,000. The Series 1997 A Bonds shall be dated the date of delivery thereof, shall bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum, interest only payable in monthly installments for the first 24 months commencing 30 days following delivery of the Series 1997 A Bonds and continuing on the corresponding day of each month and, thereafter, principal and interest are payable in monthly installments of \$14,239 on the corresponding day of each month, except that the final installment shall be paid at the end of forty years from the date of the Series 1997 A Bonds, in the sum of the unpaid principal and interest due on the date thereof, except that prepayments may be made as hereinafter provided and as provided in the Series 1997 A Bonds, all such payments to be made at the National Finance Office, St. Louis, Missouri 63103, or at such other place as the Purchaser may designate after issuance of the Series 1997 A Bonds. Prepayments of scheduled installments, or any portion thereof, may be made at any time at the option of the Issuer.

(B) Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund), of the Issuer, originally represented by a single Bond, numbered BR-1, in the principal amount of \$1,424,038. The Series 1997 B Bonds shall be dated the date of delivery thereof, shall finally mature June 1, 2037, and shall bear no interest. The principal of the Series 1997 B Bonds shall be payable quarterly on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 1998, and ending June 1, 2037, and in the amounts as set forth in "Schedule Y" attached to the Loan Agreement and incorporated in and made a part of the Series 1997 B Bonds. Pursuant to "Schedule Z" attached to the Loan Agreement, the Series 1997 B Bonds shall be

subject to prepayment, commencing December 1, 1999, and on December 1 of each year thereafter, so long as the Series 1997 B Bonds are outstanding, but only from the sources set forth as follows:

On the date of issuance of the Series 1997 B Bonds, the Issuer shall certify to the Authority and the Council (a) the number of gallons of water sold to Central Hampshire Public Service District (the "District") from the System during the 12-month period ended June 30, 1997 (the "Original Amount"), and (b) the number of customers receiving water service from the Issuer (the "Base Customer List") as of such date. After completion of construction of the Project, as certified by the Consulting Engineer, the Issuer shall each year, as part of the Issuer's annual audit, require the Independent Certified Public Accountants to provide to the Authority and the Council a certification as of June 30 of each Fiscal Year, based on the audit, the prepayment amount. The prepayment amount shall be calculated as follows:

The sum of:

(a) The number of gallons of water sold by the Issuer to the District in such Fiscal Year in excess of the Original Amount multiplied by the debt service component of \$.00132; and

(b) The number of gallons of water sold by the Issuer to new connections above the Base Customer List that connected to the System after the date of completion of the Project multiplied by the debt service component of \$.00193.

If the prepayment amount is less than \$500, no prepayment is required. If the prepayment amount is equal to or exceeds \$500, such payment shall be remitted to the Commission on November 1 following the end of the Fiscal Year in which the prepayment amount was generated. The Issuer shall provide notice to the Commission, the Authority and the Council of the prepayment amount along with the audit and certification from the Independent Certified Public Accountants not less than 15 days prior to the prepayment date. The Commission shall remit such prepayment amount to the Authority on December 1 of the year of payment.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this prepayment provision shall be subject to all payments required to be made into all funds and accounts set forth in Section 5.03 of the Bond Ordinance having been made in full.

**Section 2.** All other provisions relating to the Series 1997 A Bonds and the text of the Series 1997 A Bonds shall be in substantially the form provided in the Bond Ordinance.

**Section 3.** All other provisions relating to the Series 1997 B Bonds and the text of the Series 1997 B Bonds shall be in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

**Section 4.** The Issuer does hereby ratify, approve and accept the Loan Agreement, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference, and the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreement by the Mayor, and the performance of the obligations contained therein, on behalf of the Issuer are hereby authorized, directed and approved. The Issuer hereby affirms all covenants and representations made in the Loan Agreement and in the Application to the Council and the Authority. The Issuer does hereby authorize, approve and accept the Letter of Conditions, and all amendments thereto, and the performance of the obligations contained therein, on behalf of the Issuer are hereby authorized, directed and approved. The price of the Bonds shall be 100% of par value, there being no interest accrued thereon, provided that the proceeds of the Bonds will be advanced from time to time as requisitioned by the Issuer.

**Section 5.** The Issuer does hereby appoint and designate One Valley Bank, National Association, Charleston, West Virginia, as Registrar (the "Registrar") for the Series 1997 B Bonds and does approve and accept the Registrar's Agreement to be dated the date of delivery of the Bonds, by and between the Issuer and the Registrar, and the execution and delivery of the Registrar's Agreement by the Mayor, and the performance of the obligations contained therein, on behalf of the Issuer are hereby authorized, approved and directed.

**Section 6.** The Issuer does hereby appoint and designate the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission, Charleston, West Virginia (the "Commission"), to serve as Paying Agent for the Series 1997 B Bonds under the Bond Ordinance.

**Section 7.** The Issuer does hereby appoint and designate The First National Bank of Romney, Romney, West Virginia, to serve as Depository Bank under the Bond Ordinance.

**Section 8.** All proceeds of the Series 1997 A Bonds shall be deposited in or credited to the Series 1997 A Bonds Construction Trust Fund as received from the Purchaser from time to time for payment of costs of the Project, including, without limitation, costs of issuance of the Series 1997 A Bonds. All proceeds of the Series 1997 B Bonds shall be deposited in or credited to the Series 1997 B Bonds Construction Trust Fund as received from the Council from time to time for payment of costs of the Project, including, without limitation, costs of issuance of the Series 1997 B Bonds. Proceeds in the respective Bond Construction Trust Funds shall be kept separate and apart from each other.

**Section 9.** The Mayor and Recorder are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such other documents and certificates required or desirable in connection with the Bonds hereby and by the Bond Ordinance approved and provided for, to the end that the Series 1997 A Bonds may be delivered on or about August 25, 1997, to the Purchaser pursuant to the Letter of Conditions, and the Series 1997 B Bonds may be delivered on or about August 25, 1997, to the Authority pursuant to the Loan Agreement.

**Section 10.** The acquisition and construction of the Project and the financing thereof in part with proceeds of the Bonds is in the public interest, serves a public purpose of the Issuer and will promote the health, welfare and safety of the residents of the Issuer.

**Section 11.** The Issuer hereby determines that it is in the best interest of the Issuer to invest all moneys in the funds and accounts established by the Bond Ordinance held by the Depository Bank, subject to any limitations of the Purchaser with respect of the proceeds of the Series 1997 A Bonds, in time accounts, secured by a pledge of Government Obligations, and therefore the Issuer hereby directs the Depository Bank to take such actions as may be necessary to cause such moneys to be invested in such time accounts until further directed in writing by the Issuer. Moneys in the Series 1997 B Bonds Sinking Fund, including the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account therein, shall be invested by the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission in the West Virginia Consolidated Fund.

**Section 12.** The Issuer shall not permit at any time or times any of the proceeds of the Bonds or any other funds of the Issuer to be used directly or indirectly in a manner which would result in the exclusion of the Bonds from the treatment afforded by Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the temporary and permanent regulations promulgated thereunder or under any predecessor thereto (the "Code"), by reason of the classification of the Bonds as "private activity bonds" within the meaning of the Code. The Issuer will take all actions necessary to comply with the Code and Treasury Regulations to be promulgated or to be promulgated thereunder.

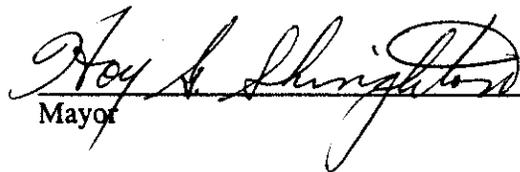
**Section 13.** The Issuer is a governmental unit with general taxing powers to finance operations of or facilities of the nature of the Project and the System; no part of the Bonds are private activity bonds; 95% or more of the net proceeds of the Bonds are to be used for local governmental activities of the Issuer; and the Issuer reasonably expects to issue less than \$5,000,000 aggregate principal face amount of tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) during the calendar year 1997, being the calendar year in which the Bonds are to be issued. For purposes of this Section and for purposes of applying Section 148(f)(4)(D) of the Code, the Issuer and all entities which issue obligations on behalf of the Issuer shall be treated as one issuer; all obligations issued by a governmental unit to make loans to other governmental units with general taxing powers not subordinate to such unit shall, for purposes of applying this Section and Section 148(f)(4)(D) of the Code, be treated as not issued by such unit; all obligations issued by a subordinate entity shall, for purposes of applying this Section and Section 148(f)(4)(D) of the Code, to each other entity to which such entity is subordinate, be treated as issued by such other entity; and an entity formed (or,

to the extent provided by the Secretary, as set forth in the Code, availed of) to avoid the purposes of such Section 148(f)(4)(D) of the Code and all other entities benefiting thereby shall be treated as one issuer.

Section 14. During construction of the Project, one-half of the excess revenues to be collected from the new water rates up to and including the sum of \$77,263.20, and after such sum has been deposited, all of such excess revenues shall be set aside in an escrow fund entitled "Contingency Fund" established at the Depository Bank and shall be used only to pay costs of construction of the Project approved by the Purchaser and the Council. After completion of construction of the Project, as certified by the Consulting Engineers, any moneys remaining in the Contingency Fund may be used for any lawful purpose of the System.

Section 15. This Supplemental Resolution shall be effective immediately following adoption hereof.

Adopted this 21st day of August, 1997.

  
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Mayor



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May 25, 1995

260 Honorable William E. Hicks, Sr., Mayor  
City of Romney  
216 School Street  
Romney, West Virginia, 26757

Dear Mayor Hicks:

This letter, with attachments 1 through 10 and enclosures, establishes conditions which must be understood and agreed to by you before further consideration may be given to your application. Any changes in project cost, source of funds, scope of services, or any other significant changes in the project or applicant must be reported to and approved by Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD) (formerly known as Farmers Home Administration) by written amendment to this letter. Any changes not approved by RECD shall be cause for discontinuing processing of the application.

The Rural Utilities Service Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program is administered by Rural Economic and Community Development, formerly known as the Farmers Home Administration.

This letter is not to be considered as loan approval or as representation to the availability of funds. The docket may be completed on the basis of an RECD loan not to exceed \$2,900,000.00 and other funding in the amount of \$1,288,000.00, for a total project cost of \$4,188,000.00. The other funding is planned in the form of a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the State of West Virginia.

If the loan is made, you may make a written request that the interest rate be the lower of the rate in effect at the time of loan approval or the time of loan closing. If you do not request the lower of the two interest rates, the interest rate charged will be the rate in effect at the time of loan approval. The loan will be considered approved on the date a signed copy of Form FmHA 1940-1, "Request for Obligation of Funds," is mailed to you. If you want the lower of the two rates, your written request should be submitted to RECD as soon as practical. In order to avoid possible delays in loan closing, such a request should ordinarily be submitted at least 30 calendar days before loan closing.

RECD Rural Economic and Community Development is an Equal Opportunity lender. Complaints of Discrimination should be sent to: Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250

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Extra copies of this letter are being provided for use by your engineer, attorney, bond counsel and accountant. The enclosures and attachments listed below are attached to the copies as noted. Enclosed are the following:

- Attachment No. 1 - Final Project Planning Factors (All Copies)
- Attachment No. 2 - City of Romney Loan Docket Table of Contents (All Copies)
- Attachment No. 3 - FmHA Instruction 1942-A, Section 1942.17 (Applicant Copy)
- Attachment No. 4 - FmHA Instruction 1942-A, Section 1942.18 (Engineer Copy)
- Attachment No. 5 - FmHA Instruction 1942-A, Section 1942.19 (Attorney and Bond Counsel Copies)
- Attachment No. 6 - FmHA Supplemental General Conditions (Engineer Copy)
- Attachment No. 7 - Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions (Accountant's Copy)
- Attachment No. 8 - U. S. Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Administration Audit Program, December 1989 (Accountant's Copy)
- Attachment No. 9 - Sample Credit Agreement (Applicant and Attorney Copies)
- Attachment No. 10 - Various other FmHA Forms as identified on Attachment No. 2.

Your documents concerning the creation of your authority are administratively acceptable; however, they will be further reviewed by our Office of the General Counsel at the time your file is forwarded for closing instructions. Any changes required by our Office of the General Counsel will be included in the closing instructions.

The conditions referred to above are as follows:

1. Loan Repayment - The loan will be scheduled for repayment over a period of 40 years. The payments due the first 24 months will consist of interest only. Payments for the remaining 456 months will be equal amortized monthly installments. For planning purposes use a 5.25% interest rate and a monthly amortization factor of .00507, which provides for a monthly payment of \$14,703.00. You have the option of participating in the PREAUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD) payment process. It will allow for your payment to be electronically debited from your account on the day your payment is due. Your authority must establish and fund monthly a debt service reserve account in an amount equal to at least 1/10th of your monthly debt service payment.

You are reminded that your authority may be required to refinance (graduate) the unpaid balance of its RECD loan, in whole or in part, upon the request of RECD if at anytime it shall be determined the authority is able to obtain a loan for such purposes from responsible cooperative or private sources at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time.

2. Security - The loan must be secured by a statutory lien of first priority, a pledge of the system's revenues and other agreements between you and the lender (RECD) as set forth in the bond ordinance which must be properly adopted and executed by the appropriate officials of your organization. Additional security requirements are contained in Form FmHA 1942-47 which is mentioned later.
3. Users - This conditional commitment is based upon your providing evidence that you will have at least 925 bona fide users on the proposed system when it has been completed and is placed in operation. This evidence will consist of a certification from you that identifies and attests to the number of users that are actually connected to and using the City's existing water system, which is to be totally replaced by the new system, at the time you request authorization to advertise the proposed project for construction bids.

RECD's loan commitment is based on the City providing service to 9 large volume users. Evidence must be provided to show those 9 large volume users will actually be connected to the system when it is completed and that the monthly water usage projected by the engineer for those users is reasonable. In the event any of those large volume users do not utilize the service, the City must obtain enough additional revenue (i.e., increase in user rates, sign up of a adequate number of other users, reduction in project scope to reduce debt service and O & M, etc.) to make up the projected income that would be lost by not having those users on the system.

4. Bond Counsel - The services of a recognized bond counsel are required. The bond counsel will prepare the form of ordinance to be used, in accordance with Section 1942.19 of FmHA Instruction 1942-A. You should immediately provide your bond counsel with a copy of this letter of conditions, its attachments and enclosures.
5. Professional Services - You must obtain the services of an attorney. For your convenience, Guide 14, "Legal Services Agreement" is attached for your use.

Attachment No. 1 includes the cost of this service for planning purposes.

6. Facility Control - Prior to advertisement for construction bids, you must furnish satisfactory evidence that you have or can obtain adequate continuous and valid control over the lands and rights needed for the project. Such evidence must be in the following form:
  - a. A right-of-way map showing clearly the location of all lands and rights needed for the project. The map must designate public and private lands and rights and the appropriate legal ownership thereof.
  - b. A copy of deeds, contracts or options for any lands needed other than rights-of-way, along with a preliminary title opinion covering such lands. Form FmHA 1927-9, "Preliminary Title Opinion," may be used. Also, in the case of existing systems or where the City has already acquired real property (land or facilities), a preliminary title opinion(s) concerning all such property(s) will be provided.
  - c. A narrative opinion from your attorney concerning all permits, certifications and other items necessary to show that all legal requirements can be met and stating how they will be met. This narrative should also identify any condemnation proceedings that are anticipated and state how they will be handled.
  - d. A copy of the right-of-way easements for any rights-of-way needed on private lands. Form FmHA 442-20, "Right-of-Way Easement," may be used. Each easement need not be provided this office; however, each must be available for my review. A copy of the easement being used must be provided.
  - e. A certification and legal opinion relative to title to rights-of-way and easements Form FmHA 442-21, "Right-of-Way Certificate," and Form FmHA 442-22, "Opinion of Counsel Relative to Rights-of-Way," may be used. These forms may contain a few exceptions such as properties that must be condemned; however, prior to the start of construction or loan closing, whichever occurs first, new Forms FmHA 442-21 and 442-22 must be provided, which do not provide for any exceptions.
  - f. On the day of loan closing, the City's attorney must furnish final title opinions on all land(s) being acquired. In the case of existing systems

or where the City has already acquired real property(s) (land or facilities), the City's attorney will provide a separate final title opinion(s) covering such property(s) on the day of loan closing.

7. Permits - Copies of all permits needed for the project must be provided for our review prior to advertisement for construction bids. Such permits will include but are not limited to the following:
- West Virginia Department of Highways
  - Railroads
  - State Department of Health
  - Public Land Corporation

8. Public Service Commission Approvals - You must obtain the following from the Public Service Commission of West Virginia:

- a. A Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.
- b. Approval of financing for the project's proposed financing arrangements.

The "Rule 42" Exhibit to be attached to the Public Service Commission application must contain at least the information shown in Attachment No. 1. A copy of the Public Service Commission application and its "Rule 42" Exhibit must be provided for our review.

9. Accounting - You must obtain the services of a qualified accountant. That accountant must agree (by letter) to develop and provide the following:
- a. All necessary accounting material required by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Rule 42).
  - b. Prior to advertisement for bids, your accountant must state in writing that he/she will establish your accounts and records in accordance with the requirements of the ordinance, and the requirements of the Public Service Commission within 20 days from the notice to do such.
  - c. Prior to the start of construction, the accountant must certify that the accounts and records as required in (b) above have been established and are operational.

A representative of my office will review your accounts and records prior to authorizing the issuance of award(s) to the contractor(s).

FmHA regulations (Attachments No. 3) outline requirements for the submission of management reports and audits. Appropriate state statutes place certain audit requirements for your City. The attached booklet, "Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions," (Attachment No. 7) and "U. S. Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Administration Audit Program," (December 1989) (Attachment No. 8) outlines FmHA Audit requirements. You are reminded that certain provisions of Office and Management and Budget Circular A-128 are applicable to any public body that received \$100,000 or more in federal funds in any one (1) year. You must enter into an agreement annually with an accountant (or the State Tax Commission) to perform the audit. The agreement must be in accordance with the requirements of the State Tax Commissioner of West Virginia.

Audit Reports must be prepared to comply with the requirements of OMB Circular A-128 or A-133, as applicable.

10. Insurance and Bonding Requirements:
- a. Prior to preliminary loan closing, you must acquire the following insurance and bond coverage:
    - (1) Liability Insurance - Personal Liability - \$500,000; Property Damage - \$200,000 - \$200,000. The limits of liability coverage noted herein should be considered as suggested amounts only. RECD recommends that you consider analyzing your actual needs in detail before you obtain coverage in a specific amount.
    - (2) Worker's Compensation - In accordance with appropriate State laws.
    - (3) Position Fidelity Bond(s) - All positions occupied by persons entrusted with the receipt and/or disbursement of funds must be bonded. As a good practice you will probably wish to have each position bonded in an amount equal to the maximum amount of funds to be under the control of that position at any one time. The minimum coverage acceptable to RECD will be for each position to be bonded for an amount at least equal to one annual installment on your loan(s). Form FmHA 440-24, "Position Fidelity Bond," may be used. A certified and effective dated power-of-attorney will be attached to each bond.

- (4) National Flood Insurance - In addition to meeting the requirements for the type of assistance requested, the following requirements must be met for financial assistance for acquisition and/or construction in designated special flood or mudslide prone areas:
- (a) If flood insurance is available, you must purchase a flood insurance policy at the time of loan closing.
  - (b) Applicants whose buildings, machinery or equipment are to be located in a community which has been notified as having special flood or mudslide prone areas will not receive financial assistance where flood insurance is not available.
- (5) Real Property Insurance - Prior to the acceptance of the facility from the contractor(s), you must obtain real property insurance (fire and extended coverage) on all above-ground structures, to include machinery and equipment housed therein. This does not apply to water reservoirs, standpipes, elevated tanks or noncombustible materials used in treatment plants, clearwells, filters and the like.

11. You are, or have been approved to become, a recipient of Federal financial assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture. In the case of Paralyzed Veterans of America, et al, Plaintiff, V. William French Smith, et al, Defendants, United States District Court, Central District of California, No. 79-1979 WPG, the Honorable William P. Gray ordered the United States Department of Agriculture to notify you that as a recipient of such assistance you are required to comply with the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. Sec. 794), even though the United States Department of Agriculture has not yet issued final regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act is designed to assure that those who receive Federal financial assistance will not discriminate against handicapped persons. It provides in relevant part as follows:

"No otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States . . . shall, solely by reason of

his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Effective June 3, 1977, the Department of Health and Human Services issued final regulations implementing Section 504 as it applies to recipients of Federal financial assistance from that agency (45 C.F.R. Part 84). You may look to the HHS regulation for guidance as to your obligation under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

12. Contract Documents, Final Plans and Specifications:

- a. The contract documents should consist of the following:
  - (1) FmHA Instruction 1942-A, Guide 19, "Agreement," and Attachments 1-9. (Attachment No. 4) or other agreement approved by RECD.
  - (2) Farmers Home Administration Supplemental General Conditions (Guide 18, 4-6-72 Revised WV). One (1) copy of this item is attached hereto (Attachment No. 6). Additional copies must be reproduced by the engineer.
- b. The Contract documents must provide, as a minimum, the following insurance:
  - (1) Liability Insurance - Personal Liability - \$500,000; Property Damage - \$200,000 - 200,000. (This coverage must include indemnification of the City and its engineer.) FmHA Guide 18 suggests certain limits of liability for insurance coverage. Those limits should be considered as minimum requirements only. It is recommended you consider increasing the given limits of liability after analyzing your specific needs.
  - (2) Builder's Risk Insurance - On all structures and mechanical and electrical equipment in place or stored on the site to the full insurable value thereof.
  - (3) Worker's Compensation - In accordance with applicable State laws.
- c. The contract documents and final plans and specifications must be submitted to RECD for approval.

- d. The project must be designed in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
13. Interim Financing - Interim financing will be used for the RECD loan if it is available at reasonable rates and terms. You must provide RECD with a copy of the tentative agreement reached in connection with interim financing. The enclosed Sample Credit Agreement (Attachment No. 9) is an acceptable agreement and may be used.
14. Disbursement of Funds - The RECD funds will be advanced as they are needed in the amount(s) necessary to cover RECD's proportionate share of any disbursements required of your City, over 30 day periods. Any funds not disbursed immediately upon receipt must be deposited in an interest bearing account in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. Interest earned on these funds must be remitted promptly, at least quarterly, to Rural Economic and Community Development. The City must assure that all project funds are expended only for the eligible items included in the final project budget or as may be later approved by RECD.
15. Water Purchase Contract - You propose to sell treated water to Central Hampshire Public Service District; therefore you must enter into a Water Purchase Contract. Form FmHA 442-30 must be used unless you receive an exception from RECD. For planning purposes, the cost per 1000 gallons of water sold to the PSD is \$2.22. Should the actual cost of water sold to the PSD be different than \$2.22, the City's proposed rates as identified in Attachment No. 1 must be changed to provide adequate revenue to satisfy O&M, debt service, and debt service reserve.
16. Other Grants - Prior to advertisement for construction bids, you must provide evidence showing the approval of the other grants. This evidence should include a copy of the grant award. Prior to award of the contract(s) to the contractor(s), you must provide evidence that the "other" grant funds are available for expenditure. This evidence should consist of at least a letter from the grantor stating that funds are available for expenditure.
17. At a properly called meeting, you must adopt and properly execute the following forms, and minutes showing the adoption must be provided:

Form FmHA 442-7 - "Operating Budget"  
Form FmHA 1940-1 - "Request for Obligation of Funds"

Form FmHA 1942-46 - "Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions"  
Form FmHA 1942-47 - "Loan Resolution -- (Public Bodies)"  
Form FmHA 400-1 - "Equal Opportunity Agreement"  
Form FmHA 400-4 - "Assurance Agreement"  
Form AD 1047 - "Certification Regarding Debarment - Primary"  
Form FmHA 1910-11 - "Applicant Certification, Federal Collection Policies"  
FmHA Instruction 1940-Q, Exhibit A-1, "Certification for Contracts, Grants and Loans"  
Standard Form LLL - "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," (if applicable)

18. The enclosed Loan Processing Checklist (Attachment No. 2) outlines the items needed to complete the loan docket. All the items listed must be included in the loan docket when it is forwarded to the RECD State Office with a request for loan closing instructions to be issued.
19. Upon receipt of the loan docket, which contains all the items required above, RECD may authorize you to advertise the project for construction bids. Such advertisement must be in accordance with appropriate State statutes. Immediately after bid opening you must provide RECD with (a) a bid tabulation, (b) recommendations from you and your engineer as to the acceptability of the bids received, and (c) your recommendations for contract awards.
20. When the items required by item 19 have been received by the RECD State Office, they will be included in the loan docket. If all parties then agree the construction bids received are acceptable, it is determined that adequate funds are available to cover the total facility costs, and that all the administrative conditions of loan approval have been satisfied, loan closing instructions will be issued. The closing instructions, a copy of which will be forwarded to you, will set forth any further requirements that must be met before the loan can be closed. When all parties agree that the closing requirements can be met, a mutually acceptable date for the preliminary loan closing will be scheduled.

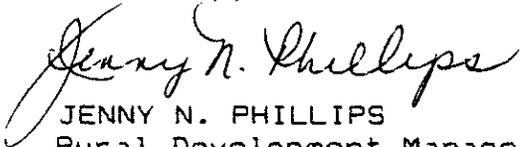
Any applicant contribution shall be considered as the first funds expended. After providing for all authorized costs, any remaining RECD project funds will be considered to be RECD grant funds and refunded to RECD. If the amount of unused RECD project funds exceeds the RECD grant, that part would be RECD loan funds.

We believe the information herein clearly sets forth the actions which must be taken; however, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please complete and return the enclosed Form FmHA 1942-46, "Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions," if you desire further consideration be given your application.

If the conditions set forth in this letter are not met within six (6) months from the date hereof, RECD reserves the right to discontinue processing of the application. In the event the project has not advanced to the point of loan closing within the six-month period and it is determined the authority still wishes to proceed, it will be necessary that the proposed budget be reviewed again in detail. If during that review, it is determined the budget is no longer current and/or adequate, RECD reserves the right to require that it be revised or replaced.

Sincerely,

  
JENNY N. PHILLIPS

Rural Development Manager

Attachments and Enclosures

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Attachment No. 1 to Letter of Conditions  
 Dated: May 25, 1995  
 For: City of Romney - Water

Project Planning Factors

The following estimates are to be used as a basis for project planning and must not be changed without prior approval of RECD:

<u>Project Costs</u>	<u>SCBG Grant</u>	<u>OTHER Grant</u>	<u>RECD Loan</u>	<u>Total</u>
Construction	\$566,000	\$432,000	\$2,083,000	\$3,081,000
Construction Contg.	39,700	30,300	146,000	216,000
Land and Rights	9,200	7,000	33,800	50,000
Legal	4,300	3,200	15,500	23,000
Engineering Fees	65,700	50,200	242,000	357,900
Basic	\$200,000			
Insp.	\$130,000			
Spec.	\$ 27,900			
Bond Counsel	3,100	2,400	11,500	17,000
Interest	-0-	-0-	305,000	305,000
Project Contingency	17,000	12,900	63,200	93,100
Administration	45,000	-0-	-0-	45,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$538,000</b>	<b>2,900,000</b>	<b>4,188,000</b>

Rates

Available for general domestic commercial, and industrial service.

Minimum Charge

No bill shall be rendered for less than the following amounts according to the size of meter installed.

First	2,000 gals @ \$5.50 / M gals	5/8" x 3/4" meter-\$ 11.00/mth
Next	3,000 gals @ \$4.00 / M gals	3/4" meter-\$ 16.50/mth
Next	10,000 gals @ \$3.50 / M gals	1" meter-\$ 27.50/mth
Next	gals @ \$ / M gals	1 1/2" meter-\$ 55.00/mth
Next	gals @ \$ / M gals	2" meter-\$ 88.00/mth
Next	gals @ \$ / M gals	3" meter-\$165.00/mth
Next	gals @ \$ / M gals	4" meter-\$275.00/mth
Next	gals @ \$ / M gals	6" meter-\$550.00/mth
Over	15,000 gals @ \$2.50 / M gals	8" meter-\$880.00/mth

(Minimum Monthly Bill - \$11.00 for 2,000 gallons)  
 Bulk rate of \$2.22 per M gals

Delayed Payment Penalty

The above tariff is net. On all accounts not paid in full within twenty (20) days of date of bill, ten percent (10%) will be added to net amount shown.

If any bill is not paid within sixty (60) days after date, water service to the customer will be discontinued. Water service will not be restored until all past due water bills have been paid in full and all accrued penalties plus a reconnection charge have been paid.

Connection Charge

Prior to Construction - \$100.00.

After the start of construction, there shall be a charge of \$250.00 for connection to the system.

Reconnection Charge

\$20.00

Use and Income Analysis

261 users @	2,000 gals @	\$ 11.00	per user =	\$2,871.00	monthly
189 users @	2,489 gals @	\$ 12.96	per user =	\$2,449.44	monthly
148 users @	3,480 gals @	\$ 16.92	per user =	\$2,504.16	monthly
96 users @	4,475 gals @	\$ 20.90	per user =	\$2,006.40	monthly
63 users @	5,422 gals @	\$ 24.48	per user =	\$1,542.24	monthly
50 users @	6,402 gals @	\$ 27.91	per user =	\$1,395.50	monthly
31 users @	7,453 gals @	\$ 31.59	per user =	\$ 979.29	monthly
20 users @	8,485 gals @	\$ 35.20	per user =	\$ 704.00	monthly
10 users @	9,328 gals @	\$ 38.15	per user =	\$ 381.50	monthly
5 users @	10,427 gals @	\$ 41.99	per user =	\$ 209.95	monthly
5 users @	11,278 gals @	\$ 44.97	per user =	\$ 224.85	monthly
8 users @	12,421 gals @	\$ 48.97	per user =	\$ 391.76	monthly
3 users @	13,073 gals @	\$ 51.26	per user =	\$ 153.78	monthly
2 users @	14,908 gals @	\$ 57.68	per user =	\$ 115.36	monthly
3 users @	16,348 gals @	\$ 61.37	per user =	\$ 184.11	monthly
2 users @	19,083 gals @	\$ 68.21	per user =	\$ 136.42	monthly
1 users @	20,350 gals @	\$ 71.37	per user =	\$ 71.37	monthly
1 users @	21,379 gals @	\$ 73.95	per user =	\$ 73.95	monthly
1 users @	23,488 gals @	\$ 79.22	per user =	\$ 79.22	monthly
1 users @	25,942 gals @	\$ 85.35	per user =	\$ 85.35	monthly
1 users @	26,387 gals @	\$ 86.47	per user =	\$ 86.47	monthly
1 users @	27,683 gals @	\$ 89.71	per user =	\$ 89.71	monthly
1 users @	32,914 gals @	\$ 102.78	per user =	\$ 102.78	monthly
2 users @	35,661 gals @	\$ 109.65	per user =	\$ 219.30	monthly
1 users @	37,771 gals @	\$ 114.93	per user =	\$ 114.93	monthly
1 users @	38,728 gals @	\$ 117.32	per user =	\$ 117.32	monthly
2 users @	39,303 gals @	\$ 118.76	per user =	\$ 237.52	monthly
1 users @	41,987 gals @	\$ 125.47	per user =	\$ 125.47	monthly

1 users @	44,373 gals @	\$ 131.43	per user = \$	131.43	monthly
1 users @	56,459 gals @	\$ 161.65	per user = \$	161.65	monthly
1 users @	58,358 gals @	\$ 166.39	per user = \$	166.39	monthly
1 users @	59,850 gals @	\$ 170.12	per user = \$	170.12	monthly
1 users @	76,180 gals @	\$ 210.95	per user = \$	210.95	monthly
1 users @	84,300 gals @	\$ 231.25	per user = \$	231.25	monthly
1 users @	109,058 gals @	\$ 293.14	per user = \$	293.14	monthly
1 users @	128,500 gals @	\$ 341.75	per user = \$	341.75	monthly
1 users @	162,250 gals @	\$ 426.12	per user = \$	426.12	monthly
1 users @	170,167 gals @	\$ 445.92	per user = \$	445.92	monthly
1 users @	192,850 gals @	\$ 502.62	per user = \$	502.62	monthly
1 users @	205,819 gals @	\$ 535.05	per user = \$	535.05	monthly
1 users @	258,150 gals @	\$ 665.87	per user = \$	665.87	monthly
1 users @	472,404 gals @	\$1,201.51	per user = \$1,	201.51	monthly

Total - 924 Customers @ \$23,136.73 monthly x 12 = \$277,640.76 annually

1 Bulk user @ 4,485,000 gal @ 2.22/m gal per user = \$9,956.70  
 \$9,956.70 monthly x 12 = \$119,480.40 annually.

925 Total Customers

\$397,121.16 Total Revenue

Budget

Income		\$397,121.16
Expenses		
O & M	\$202,000.00	
Debt Service	176,436.00	
Reserve	17,643.00	<u>\$396,079.00</u>
Balance and Depreciation		\$ 1,042.16

Operating and Maintenance Expenses

Labor		\$72,000.00
Administrative		32,000.00
Maintenance		35,000.00
Sludge Disposal		6,000.00
Chemicals		32,000.00
Power		25,000.00
	TOTAL	\$202,000.00

Attachment No. 2 to Letter of Conditions  
 Dated: May 25, 1995  
 For: City of Romney

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 RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
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SF 424	Preapp. for Fed. Assist.	0 & 2	1942.2(a)(1)	App.	Have	3
	Intergovern- mental Rev.	2	1942.2(a)(1)	App.	Have	3
Guide 7/8	Preliminary Engr. Report	2	1942.18(c)	Eng.	Have	6
	Bond Ordn. or Resol. on Outstanding Debts	1	1942.17(h)	App./Att.		2
	Bonds or Notes Outstanding Debts	1	1942.17(h)	App./Att.		2
	Audit for last year of operation	1	1942.17(h)	App./Att.	Have	1
1940-20	Request for Env. Info.	2	1942.17(j)(7)	App./Eng.	Have	3
AD 1049	Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace	1	1940-M 1940.606(b)(2)	App.	Have	5
	Minutes Adopt- ing Drug-Free Workplace Program	1	LOC	App.	Have	5

	Env. Assessment for Class II Actions (Exhibit H, 1940-G)	2	1942.17(j)(7)	RECD	Have	3
	Statement from St. Historical Preservation Officer concerning historical sites and archaeological properties	2	1940.304(d)	App.	Have	3
	Brief Stmt. telling how facility will be operated	1	1942.17(b)(3)	App.		5
	Bill analysis for existing system(s)	2	1942.17(h)(2)	App./Eng. Acct.	Have	8
	Projected Bill analysis for new users	2	1942.17(h)(2)	App./Eng. Acct.	Have	8
	Adjustments to historic income and cost--explain changes	2	1942.17(h)(i)	App./Eng. Acct.	Have	8
	Identification of "Other" funding	2	1942.17(n)(5)	App./Att.		2
1942-19	Agreement for Engineering Services	3	1942.17(1)(1)	App./Eng.	Have	6
	Legal Services Agreement	1	1942.17(1)(1) Guide 14	App./Eng.		5
	Documentation on Service Area	1	1942.5(a)	RECD	Have	3
	Written Certification that "other" credit is <u>NOT</u> available	2	1942.17(b)(2)	App.		3

	Documentation on Historical & Archaeological Assessments	2	1901.255(2)	RECD	Have	3
	Copy of Certification of Publication and related Environmental Information	2	1940.331(c)	App.	Have	3
	Project Planning Factors	4	S/Office	RECD	Have	3
1942-51	Development Grant Summary	3	1942-H	RECD		2
	Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)	2	1940-G	RECD	Have	3
	Evidence of Public Meeting Minutes	2	1942.17(j)(9)	App.	Have	3

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AD 622	Notice of Preapp. Review	0 & 3	1942.17(m)(4)	RECD	Have	3
SF 424	Application for Federal Assistance	0 & 1	1942.17(m)(5)	App.		3
FmHA Instr. 1940-Q Exh. A-1	Certifica- tion for Contracts, Grants and Loans	0 & 1	1940-Q	App.	Have	5
1942-45	Project Summary	0 & 2	1942.5(a)(1)	RECD	Have	1
442-3	Balance Sheet	0 & 1	1942.17(h)	App.		1
442-7	Operating Budget	0 & 2	1942.17(h)	App.	Have	3
1942-14	Project Fund Analysis	0 & 4	1942.5(c)	RECD		2
	Certified Copy of Town Charter	1	1942.17(b)(3)	App./Att.		5
	Copy of Bylaws or Rules of Order	1	1942.17(b)(3)	App./Att.		5
	Guide 26 CP Program Project Selection Criteria	2	1942-A	RECD		2

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	Letter of Conditions	7	1942.5(c)	RECD	Have	3
1942-46	Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions	2	1942.5(c)	App.		3
1940-1	Request for Obligation of Funds	4	1942.5(c)(3)	RECD/App.		2
	Written Request from Applicant for the Lower Interest Rate	2	1942.17(f)(1)	RECD/App.		2
	Evidence of "Other" Funds	1	1942.17(n)(5)	App.		2
	Water Users Agrmnt (Copy)	1	1942.17(h)(2) (B)	App.		5
AD 1047	Certification Regarding Debarment (Primary)	1	1940-M 1940.606(b)(1)	App.	Have	5
AD 1048	Certification Regarding Debarment (Contractor)	1ea.	1940-M 1940.606(b)(2)	All approp. Vendors		5
1910-11	Applicant Certification Federal Coll. Policies	1	1942.5(a)(1) (i)	App.	Have	3
	Evidence of Users:					
	1. Map of Users with each numbered	1	LOC	App.		Sep. File

	2. List of Signed Users Numbered to Map	1	LOC	App.	5
	3. List of Declination Statements Numbered to Map	1	LOC	App.	5
	4. Evidence of Tap Fees Being Paid	1	LOC	App.	5
	5. Having Users Agreements and Declination Statements Available		LOC	App.	-
	Positive Program to Encourage Connections When Completed	1	1942.17(h)(2) (iii)	App.	5
	Verification of Users	1	1942.6(b)	RECD	3
	Preliminary Bond Transcript Documents w/no Defeasance Provisions	2	1942.17(j)(6) (ii)	B. Counsel	2
	Right-of-Way Map	1	Form FmHA 1942-19	Eng.	Sep. File
	Deeds and/or Options		1942.17(j)(4) (i)	App./Att.	5
1927-9	Preliminary Title Opn.	1	1942.17(j)(4) (i)	App./Att.	5
	Narrative Opinion from Attorney	1	LOC	Att.	5
442-20	Right-of-Way Easement	1	1942.17(j)(4) (i)	App.	5
442-21	Right-of-Way Certificate	1	1942.17(j)(4) (i)	App.	5

442-22	Opinion of Counsel Relative to Right-of-Way		1942.17(j)(4) (i)	Att.	5
1942-47	Loan Resolution	1	1942.17(n)(2)	App.	5
1942-9	Association Loan Resolution Security Agreement	1	1942.17(n)(2)	App.	5
1942-8	Resolution of Members or Stockholders	1	1942.17(j)(1)	App.	5
440-22	Promissory Note	3	1942.17(j)(6)	RECD	2
	Application for DOH Permit	1	1942.17(j)(4) (i)	Eng.	6
	Application for R/R Permit		1942.17(j)(4) (i)	Eng.	6
	Application for Public Land Corp. Permit	1	1942.17(j)(4) (i)	Eng.	6
	Application for Corps of Engineers Permit	1	1942.17(j)(4) (i)	Eng.	6
	Copy of PSC Application	1	State	Att./Acct.	6
	Copy of PSC Rule 42 Exhibit	1	State	Att./Acct.	3
	Agreement with Accountant	1	1942.17(1)(1)	App./Acct.	6
	Contract Documents, Plans and Specs.	2	1942.18	Eng.	Sep. File

	Dept. of Health Approval	1	1942.17(i)(iv)	Eng.	6
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	Dept. of Environm. Protection Permit	1	1942.17(k)	Eng.	6
	Interim Financing Agreement	1	1942.17(n)(3)	App./Att.	1
400-1	Equal Opportunity Agreement	1	1942.17(n)(2) (x)	App.	6
400-4	Assurance Agreement	1	1942.17(n)(2) (x)	App.	3
	Bond Transc. Documents w/no Defeasance Provisions	3	1942.17(j)(6) (ii)	B. Counsel	Sep. File
	OGC Closing Instructions	1	1942.17(n)(3)	RECD	5
	S/O Closing Instructions	1	1942.17(n)(3)	RECD	5
1927-10	Final Title Opinion	1	1942.17(j)(4) (i)	Att.	5
	DOH Permit	1	1942.17(j)(4) (i)	App.	6
	Railroad Permits	1	1942.17(j)(4) (i)	App.	6
	Public Land Corp. Permit	1	1942.17(j)(4) (i)	App.	6
	Corps of Engineers Permit	1	1942.17(j)(4) (i)	App.	6

	PSC Order (Approval of Financing)	1	State	App.	6
	Accountant's Certification on Accounting System	1	1942.17(q)(1)	Acct.	3
	RECD Approval of Accounting System		1942.17(q)(1) (ii)	App./RECD	3
400-8	Compliance Review	1	1942.6(c)	RECD	5
1924-16	Record of Preconstruction Conference	1	1942.18(o)(1)	RECD/Eng.	6
	Bid Tabulation	1	1942.18(k)	Eng.	6
	Recommendation of Award	1	1942.18(j)(8)	Eng.	6
	Recommendation of Award Contract Documents of required Ins. and Bonds	1 2	1942.18(j)(8)	App.	6
	Resume of Inspector	1	1942.18(o)(3)	Eng.	6
	Liability Insurance		1942.17(j)(3) (iv)	App.	7
	Worker's Compensation Certificate		1942.17(j)(3) (iv)	App.	7
	Flood Insurance Policy	1	1942.17(j)(3) (iv)	App.	7
440-24	Fidelity Bond (with Power of Attorney)	1	1942.17(j)(3) (iv)	App.	7
	OGC Final Opinion	1	1942.17(o)(4)	RECD	5

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§1942.19 Information Pertaining to Preparation of Notes or Bonds and Bond Transcript Documents for Public Body Applicants.

(a) General. This section includes information for use by public body applicants in the preparation and issuance of evidence of debt (bonds, notes, or debt instruments, herein referred to as bonds). This section is made available to applicants as appropriate for application processing and loan docket preparation.

(b) Policies related to use of bond counsel. Preparation of the bonds and the bond transcript documents will be the responsibility of the applicant. Public body applicants will obtain the services and opinion of recognized bond counsel with respect to the validity of a bond issue, except as provided in (b)(1) through (3) below. The applicant normally will be represented by a local attorney who will obtain the assistance of a recognized bond counsel firm which has experience in municipal financing with such investors as investment dealers, banks, and insurance companies.

(1) Issues of \$250,000 or less. At the option of the applicant for issues of \$250,000 or less, bond counsel may be used for the issuance of a final opinion only and not for the preparation of the bond transcript and other documents when the applicant, FmHA, and bond counsel have agreed in advance as to the method of preparation of the bond transcript documents. Under such circumstances the applicant will be responsible for the preparation of the bond transcript documents.

(2) Issues of \$50,000 or less. At the option of the applicant and with the prior approval of the FmHA State Director, the applicant need not use bond counsel if:

(i) The amount of the issue does not exceed \$50,000 and the applicant recognizes and accepts the fact that processing the application may require additional legal and administrative time.

(ii) There is a significant cost saving to the applicant particularly with reference to total legal fees after determining what bond counsel would charge as compared with what the local attorney will charge without bond counsel.

(iii) The local attorney is able and experienced in handling this type of legal work.

(iv) The applicant understands that, if it is required by FmHA to refinance its loan pursuant to the statutory refinancing requirements, it will probably have to obtain at its expense a bond counsel's opinion at that time.

- (6) Copies of official Notice of Sale and affidavit of publication of Notice of Sale where a public sale is required by State statute.
- (7) Specimen bond, with any attached coupons.
- (8) Attorney's no-litigation certificate.
- (9) Certified copies of resolutions or other documents pertaining to the bond award.
- (10) Any additional or supporting documents required by bond counsel.
- (11) For loans involving multiple advances of FmHA loan funds a preliminary approving opinion of bond counsel (or local counsel if no bond counsel is involved) if a final unqualified opinion cannot be obtained until all funds are advanced. The preliminary opinion for the entire issue shall be delivered on or before the first advance of loan funds and state that the applicant has the legal authority to issue the bonds, construct, operate and maintain the facility, and repay the loan subject only to changes during the advance of funds such as litigation resulting from the failure to advance loan funds, and receipt of closing certificates.
- (12) Preliminary approving opinion, if any, and final unqualified approving opinion of recognized bond counsel (or local counsel if no bond counsel is involved) including opinion regarding interest on bonds being exempt from Federal and any State income taxes. On approval of the Administrator, a final opinion may be qualified to the extent that litigation is pending relating to Indian claims that may affect title to land or validity of the obligation. It is permissible for such opinions to contain language referring to the last sentence of Section 306 (a)(1) or to Section 309A (h) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act [7 U.S.C. 1926 (a)(1) or 1929a (h)], and providing that if the bonds evidencing the indebtedness in question are acquired by the Federal Government and sold on an insured basis from the Agriculture Credit Insurance Fund, or the Rural Development Insurance Fund, the interest on such bonds will be included in gross income for the purpose of the Federal income tax statutes.

Computation:	2016-1978=
	38 annual payments
$\$100,000.00 \times .05929 =$	$\$5,929.00$ annual payment due

(ii) Semiannual payments - Multiply by two the number of years between the due date of the last annual interest only installment and the due date of the final installment to determine the correct number of semiannual periods applicable. When there are no interest only installments, multiply by two the number of years over which the loan is amortized. Then multiply the amount of the note by the applicable amortization factor shown in FmHA Amortization Tables and round to the next higher dollar.

Example of Computation of Semiannual Payment:

Date of Loan Closing:	7-5-1976
Amount of Loan:	$\$100,000.00$
Interest Rate:	5%
Amortization Period:	40 years
Interest Only Installments:	7-5-1977 and 7-5-1978
First Regular Installment:	7-5-1979
Final Installment:	7-5-2016
Computation:	$2016 - 1978 = 38 \times 2 =$ 76 semiannual periods
$\$100,000.00 \times .02952 =$	$\$2,952.00$ semiannual payment due

(iii) Monthly payments - Multiply by twelve the number of years between the due date of the last annual interest only installment and the final installment to determine the number of monthly payments applicable. When there are no interest only installments, multiply by twelve the number of years over which the loan is amortized. Then multiply the amount of the note by the applicable amortization factor shown in FmHA Amortization Tables and round to the next higher dollar.

Example of Computation of Monthly Payment:

Date of Loan Closing:	7-5-1976
Amount of the Loan:	$\$100,000.00$
Interest Rate:	5%
Amortization Period:	40 years
Interest Only Installments:	7-5-1977 and 7-5-1978

(4) Fourth preference - serial bonds with installments of principal plus interest. If instruments described under the first, second, and third preferences are not legally permissible, use serial bonds with a bond or bonds delivered in the amount of each advance. Bonds will be delivered in the order of their numbers. Such bonds will conform with the minimum requirements of paragraph (h) of this section. Rules for application of payments on serial bonds will be the same as those for principal installment single bonds as set out in the preceding paragraph (e)(3) of this section.

(f) Multiple advances of FmHA funds using permanent instruments. Where interim financing from commercial sources is not available, FmHA loan proceeds will be disbursed on an "as needed by borrower" basis in amounts not to exceed the amount needed during 30-day periods.

(g) Multiple advances of FmHA funds using temporary debt instrument. When none of the instruments described in paragraph (e) of this section are legally permissible or practical, a bond anticipation note or similar temporary debt instrument may be used. The debt instrument will provide for multiple advance of FmHA loan funds and will be for the full amount of the FmHA loan. The instrument will be prepared by bond counsel (or local counsel if bond counsel is not involved and approved by the State Director and OGC. At the same time FmHA delivers the last advance, the borrower will deliver the permanent bond instrument and the canceled temporary instrument will be returned to the borrower. The approved debt instrument will show at least the following:

- (1) The date from which each advance will bear interest.
- (2) The interest rate.
- (3) A payment schedule providing for interest on outstanding principal at least annually.
- (4) A maturity date which shall be no earlier than the anticipated issuance date of the permanent instrument(s).

(h) Minimum bond specifications. The provisions of this paragraph are minimum specifications only, and must be followed to the extent legally permissible.

- (1) Type and denominations. Bond resolutions or ordinances will provide that the instrument(s) be either a bond representing the total amount of the indebtedness or serial bonds in denominations customarily accepted in municipal financing (ordinarily in multiples of not less than \$1000). Single bonds may provide for repayment of

(5) Payment date. Loan payments will be scheduled to coincide with income availability and be in accordance with State law. Monthly payments will be required if consistent with the foregoing, and will be enumerated in the bond, other evidence of indebtedness, or other supplemental agreement. Insofar as practical monthly payments will be scheduled one full month following the date of loan closing; or semiannual or annual payments will be scheduled six or twelve full months respectively, following the date of loan closing or any deferment period. Due dates falling on the 29th, 30th or 31st day of the month will be avoided.

(6) Place of payment. Payments on bonds purchased by FmHA should be submitted to the FmHA District Office by the borrower. The District Office will then remit the payments to the Finance Office or deposit them in a Treasury General Account in accordance with Subpart B of Part 1951 of this chapter.

(7) Redemptions. Bonds should contain customary redemption provisions; subject, however, to unlimited right of redemption without premium of any bonds held by FmHA except to the extent limited by the provisions under the "Third Preference" and "Fourth Preference" in paragraph (e) of this section.

(8) Additional revenue bonds. Parity bonds may be issued to complete the project. Otherwise, parity bonds may not be issued unless the net revenues (that is, unless otherwise defined by the State statute, gross revenues less essential operation and maintenance expense) for the fiscal year preceding the year in which such parity bonds are to be issued, were 120 percent of the average annual debt service requirements on all bonds then outstanding and those to be issued; provided, that this limitation may be waived or modified by the written consent of bondholders representing 75 percent of the then outstanding principal indebtedness. Junior and subordinate bonds may be issued in accordance with the loan agreement.

(9) Scheduling of FmHA payments when joint financing is involved. In all cases in which FmHA is participating with another lender in the joint financing of the project to supply funds required by one applicant, the FmHA payments of principal and interest should approximate amortized installments.

(10) Precautions. The following types of provisions in debt instruments should be avoided.

(1) Provisions for the holder to manually post each payment to the instrument.

**COPY**

July 31, 1997

~~Mr. Gary C. Buckbee, City Administrator  
City of Romney  
260 School Street  
Romney, West Virginia 26757~~

Dear Mr. Buckbee:

A tentative closing date is anticipated for the City of Romney, water improvement project on August 25, 1997 at City Hall. The loan closing is scheduled for 10:30 A.M. with the pre-construction conference to be held at 1:00 P.M.

The City Council will need to be present at the loan closing to pass the Loan Resolution.

You will need to provide this office with the following items prior to loan closing:

1. Bid tabulation on the tank contract.
2. Recommendation of award on the contracts from the City and your project engineer.
3. Resume' of the project inspector.

You will need to provide the following itmes at loan closing:

1. Form FmHA 1927-10, "Final Title Opinion" effective the date of loan closing.
2. New Forms FmHA 442-21, "Right-of-Way Certificate," and Form RD 442-22, "Opinion of Counsel Relative to Rights-of-Way," showing no exceptions will need to be provided prior to closing.

The interest rate will be reduced from 5.25% to 5% resulting in a monthly payment lowered from \$14,703 to \$14,239 per month.

Prior to loan closing, the City will need to make arrangements with the interim lender, the Bank of Romney.

If you should have any questions regarding the above matters,  
please contact this office.

Sincerely,

DARREL D. LIPSCOMB  
Rural Development Specialist  
Rural Utilities Service

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LOAN AGREEMENT

THIS LOAN AGREEMENT, Made and entered into in several counterparts, by and between the WEST VIRGINIA WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, a governmental instrumentality and body corporate of the State of West Virginia (the "Authority"), acting on behalf of the WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE AND JOBS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (the "Council") and the governmental agency designated below (the "Governmental Agency");

CITY OF ROMNEY  
(Governmental Agency)

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 31, Article 15A, of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended (the "Act"), the Authority is empowered upon request of the Council to make loans to governmental agencies for the acquisition or construction of projects by such governmental agencies, subject to such provisions and limitations as are contained in the Act;

WHEREAS, the Governmental Agency constitutes a governmental agency as defined by the Act;

WHEREAS, the Governmental Agency is authorized and empowered by the statutes of the State to construct, operate and improve a project, as defined by the Act, and to finance the cost of constructing or acquiring the same by borrowing money to be evidenced by revenue bonds issued by the Governmental Agency;

WHEREAS, the Governmental Agency intends to construct, is constructing or has constructed such a project at the location and as more particularly described and set forth in the Application, as hereinafter defined (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the Governmental Agency has completed and filed with the Authority an Application for a Construction Loan with attachments and exhibits and an Amended Application for a Construction Loan also with attachments and exhibits (together, as further revised and supplemented, the "Application"), which Application is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the Application and made all findings required by the Act and having available sufficient funds therefor, the Council has authorized the Authority to lend the Governmental Agency the amount set forth on Schedule X attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, through the purchase of revenue bonds of the Governmental Agency with money in the Infrastructure Fund subject to the Governmental Agency's satisfaction of certain legal and other requirements of the Council's loan program (the "Program") as hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements hereinafter contained, the Governmental Agency and the Authority hereby agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I

### Definitions

1.1 Except where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the terms "Authority," "cost," "governmental agency," "project," "waste water facility" and "water facility" have the definitions and meanings ascribed to them in the Act.

1.2 "Authority" means the West Virginia Water Development Authority, which is expected to be the original purchaser of the Bonds, acting in its administrative capacity pursuant to Section 10 of the Council Act and upon authorization from the Council.

1.3 "Consulting Engineers" means the professional engineer, licensed by the State, who shall not be a regular, full-time employee of the State or any of its agencies, commissions or political sub-divisions, and designated in the Application and any qualified successor thereto; provided, however, when a Loan is made for a Project financed, in part, by the Office of Abandoned Mine Lands, "Consulting Engineers" shall mean the West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection, or any successor thereto.

1.4 "Infrastructure Fund" means the West Virginia Infrastructure Fund established in accordance with Section 9 of the Act.

1.5 "Loan" means the loan to be made by the Authority to the Governmental Agency through the purchase of Local Bonds, as hereinafter defined, pursuant to this Loan Agreement.

1.6 "Local Act" means the official action of the Governmental Agency required by Section 4.1 hereof, authorizing the Local Bonds.

1.7 "Local Bonds" means the revenue bonds to be issued by the Governmental Agency pursuant to the provisions of the Local Statute, as hereinafter defined, to evidence the Loan and to be purchased by the Authority, all in accordance with the provisions of this Loan Agreement.

1.8 "Local Statute" means the specific provisions of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, pursuant to which the Local Bonds are issued.

1.9 "Operating Expenses" means the reasonable, proper and necessary costs of operation and maintenance of the System, as hereinafter defined, as should normally and regularly be included as such under generally accepted accounting principles.

1.10 "Project" means the project hereinabove referred to, to be constructed or being constructed by the Governmental Agency in whole or in part with the net proceeds of the Local Bonds.

1.11 "System" means the project owned by the Governmental Agency, of which the Project constitutes all or to which the Project constitutes an improvement, and any improvements thereto hereafter constructed or acquired from any sources whatsoever.

1.12 Additional terms and phrases are defined in this Loan Agreement as they are used.

## ARTICLE II

### The Project and the System

2.1 The Project shall generally consist of the construction and acquisition of the facilities described in the Application, to be, being or having been constructed in accordance with plans, specifications and designs prepared for the Governmental Agency by the Consulting Engineers, the Authority and Council having found, to the extent applicable, that the Project is consistent with the Act.

2.2 Subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of this Loan Agreement and of the Local Act, the Governmental Agency has acquired, or shall do all things necessary to acquire, the proposed site of the Project and shall do, is doing or has done all things necessary to construct the Project in accordance with the plans, specifications and designs prepared for the Governmental Agency by the Consulting Engineers.

2.3 All real estate and interests in real estate and all personal property constituting the Project and the Project site heretofore or hereafter acquired shall at all times be and remain the property of the Governmental Agency, subject to any mortgage lien or

other security interest as is provided for in the Local Statute unless a sale or transfer of all or a portion of said property or any interest therein is approved by the Authority and Council.

2.4 The Governmental Agency agrees that the Authority and its duly authorized agents shall have the right at all reasonable times to enter upon the Project site and Project facilities and to examine and inspect the same. The Governmental Agency further agrees that the Authority and its duly authorized agents and representatives shall, prior to, at and after completion of construction and commencement of operation of the Project, have such rights of access to the System site and System facilities as may be reasonably necessary to accomplish all of the powers and rights of the Authority with respect to the System pursuant to the pertinent provisions of the Act.

2.5 The Governmental Agency shall keep complete and accurate records of the cost of acquiring the Project site and the costs of constructing, acquiring and installing the Project. The Governmental Agency shall permit the Authority, acting by and through its Director or his duly authorized agents and representatives, to inspect all books, documents, papers and records relating to the Project and the System at any and all reasonable times for the purpose of audit and examination, and the Governmental Agency shall submit to the Authority such documents and information as it may reasonably require in connection with the construction, acquisition and installation of the Project, the operation and maintenance of the System and the administration of the Loan or of any State and federal grants or other sources of financing for the Project.

2.6 The Governmental Agency agrees that it will permit the Authority and its agents and representatives to have access to the records of the Governmental Agency pertaining to the operation and maintenance of the System at any reasonable time following completion of construction of the Project and commencement of operation thereof or if the Project is an improvement to an existing system at any reasonable time following commencement of construction.

2.7 The Governmental Agency shall require that each construction contractor furnish a performance bond and a payment bond, each in an amount at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price of the portion of the Project covered by the particular contract, as security for the faithful performance of such contract.

2.8 The Governmental Agency shall require that each of its contractors and all subcontractors maintain, during the life of the construction contract, workers' compensation coverage, public liability insurance, property damage insurance and vehicle liability insurance in amounts and on terms satisfactory to the Authority. Until the Project facilities are completed and accepted by the Governmental Agency, the Governmental Agency or (at the option of the Governmental Agency) the contractor shall maintain builder's risk insurance (fire and extended coverage) on a one hundred percent (100%) basis (completed value form) on the insurable portion of the Project, such insurance to be made payable to the order of the Authority, the Governmental Agency, the prime contractor and

all subcontractors, as their interests may appear. If facilities of the System which are detrimentally affected by flooding are or will be located in designated special flood or mudslide-prone areas and if flood insurance is available at a reasonable cost, a flood insurance policy must be obtained by the Governmental Agency on or before the Date of Loan Closing, as hereinafter defined, and maintained so long as any of the Local Bonds is outstanding. Prior to commencing operation of the Project, the Governmental Agency must also obtain, and maintain so long as any of the Local Bonds is outstanding, business interruption insurance if available at a reasonable cost.

2.9 The Governmental Agency shall provide and maintain competent and adequate resident engineering services satisfactory to the Council and the Authority covering the supervision and inspection of the development and construction of the Project, and bearing the responsibility of assuring that construction conforms to the plans, specifications and designs prepared by the Consulting Engineers, which have been approved by all necessary governmental bodies. Such resident engineer shall certify to the Authority and the Governmental Agency at the completion of construction that construction is in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and designs, or amendments thereto, approved by all necessary governmental bodies.

2.10 The Governmental Agency agrees that it will at all times provide operation and maintenance of the System to comply with any and all State and federal standards. The Governmental Agency agrees that qualified operating personnel properly certified by the State will be retained to operate the System during the entire term of this Loan Agreement.

2.11 The Governmental Agency hereby covenants and agrees to comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations issued by the Council, the Authority or other State, federal or local bodies in regard to the construction of the Project and operation, maintenance and use of the System.

2.12 The Governmental Agency, commencing on the date contracts are executed for the construction of the Project and for two years following the completion of the Project, shall each month complete a Monthly Financial Report, the form of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference, and forward a copy by the 15th of each month to the Authority and Council.

## ARTICLE III

### Conditions to Loan; Issuance of Local Bonds

3.1 The agreement of the Authority and Council to make the Loan is subject to the Governmental Agency's fulfillment, to the satisfaction of the Authority, of each and all of those certain conditions precedent on or before the delivery date for the Local Bonds, which shall be the date established pursuant to Section 3.4 hereof. Said conditions precedent are as follows:

(a) The Governmental Agency shall have performed and satisfied all of the terms and conditions to be performed and satisfied by it in this Loan Agreement;

(b) The Governmental Agency shall have authorized the issuance of and delivery to the Authority of the Local Bonds described in this Article III and in Article IV hereof;

(c) The Governmental Agency shall either have received bids or entered contracts for the construction of the Project which are in an amount and otherwise compatible with the plan of financing described in the Application; provided, that, if the Loan will refund an interim financing of construction, the Governmental Agency must either be constructing or have constructed its Project for a cost and as otherwise compatible with the plan of financing described in the Application; and, in either case, the Authority shall have received a certificate of the Consulting Engineers to such effect, the form of which certificate is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

(d) The Governmental Agency shall have obtained all permits required by the laws of the State and the federal government necessary for the construction of the Project, and the Authority shall have received a certificate of the Consulting Engineers to such effect;

(e) The Governmental Agency shall have obtained all requisite orders of and approvals from the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (the "PSC") necessary for the construction of the Project and operation of the System with all requisite appeal periods having expired without successful appeal, and the Authority shall have received an opinion of counsel to the Governmental Agency, which may be local counsel to the Governmental Agency, bond counsel or special PSC counsel but must be satisfactory to the Authority, to such effect;

(f) The Governmental Agency shall have obtained any and all approvals for the issuance of the Local Bonds required by State law, and the Authority shall have received an opinion of counsel to the Governmental Agency, which may be local

counsel to the Governmental Agency, bond counsel or special PSC counsel but must be satisfactory to the Authority, to such effect;

(g) The Governmental Agency shall have obtained any and all approvals of rates and charges required by State law and shall have taken any other action required to establish and impose such rates and charges (imposition of such rates and charges is not, however, required to be effective until completion of construction of the Project) with all requisite appeal periods having expired without successful appeal, and the Authority shall have received an opinion of counsel to the Governmental Agency, which may be local counsel to the Governmental Agency, bond counsel or special PSC counsel but must be satisfactory to the Authority, to such effect;

(h) Such rates and charges for the System shall be sufficient to comply with the provisions of Subsections 4.1(a) and 4.1(b)(ii) hereof, and the Authority shall have received a certificate of the accountant for the Governmental Agency, or such other person or firm experienced in the finances of governmental agencies and satisfactory to the Authority, to such effect; and

(i) The net proceeds of the Local Bonds, together with all moneys on deposit or to be simultaneously deposited (or, with respect to proceeds of grant anticipation notes or other indebtedness for which a binding purchase contract has been entered, to be deposited on a date certain) and irrevocably pledged thereto and the proceeds of grants irrevocably committed therefor, shall be sufficient to pay the costs of construction and acquisition of the Project as set forth in the Application, and the Authority shall have received a certificate of the Consulting Engineers, or such other person or firm experienced in the financing of water development projects and satisfactory to the Authority, to such effect, such certificate to be in form and substance satisfactory to the Authority, and evidence satisfactory to the Authority of such irrevocably committed grants.

3.2 Subject to the terms and provisions of this Loan Agreement, the rules and regulations promulgated by the Authority or any other appropriate State agency and any applicable rules, regulations and procedures promulgated from time to time by the federal government, it is hereby agreed that the Authority shall make the Loan to the Governmental Agency and the Governmental Agency shall accept the Loan from the Authority, and in furtherance thereof it is agreed that the Governmental Agency shall sell to the Authority and the Authority shall make the Loan by purchasing the Local Bonds in the principal amount and at the price set forth in Schedule X hereto. The Local Bonds shall have such further terms and provisions as described in Article IV hereof.

3.3 The Loan shall be secured and shall be repaid in the manner hereinafter provided in this Loan Agreement.

3.4 The Local Bonds shall be delivered to the Authority, at the offices of the Authority, on a date designated by the Governmental Agency by written notice to the

Authority, which written notice shall be given not less than ten (10) business days prior to the date designated; provided, however, that if the Authority is unable to accept delivery on the date designated, the Local Bonds shall be delivered to the Authority on a date as close as possible to the designated date and mutually agreeable to the Authority and the Governmental Agency. The date of delivery so designated or agreed upon is hereinafter referred to as the "Date of Loan Closing." Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Date of Loan Closing shall in no event occur more than ninety (90) days after the date of execution of this Loan Agreement by the Authority.

3.5 The Governmental Agency understands and acknowledges that it is one of several governmental agencies which have applied to the Council for loans to finance projects and that the obligation of the Authority to make any such loan is subject to the Council's authorization and the Governmental Agency's fulfilling all of the terms and conditions of this Loan Agreement on or prior to the Date of Loan Closing. The Governmental Agency specifically recognizes that the Authority will not purchase the Local Bonds unless and until it has available in the Infrastructure Fund funds sufficient to purchase all the Local Bonds and that, prior to such execution, the Authority may commit to and purchase the revenue bonds of other governmental agencies for which it has sufficient funds available.

#### ARTICLE IV

Local Bonds; Security for Loan;  
Repayment of Loan; Interest on Loan;  
Fees and Charges

4.1 The Governmental Agency shall, as one of the conditions of the Authority to make the Loan, authorize the issuance of and issue the Local Bonds pursuant to an official action of the Governmental Agency in accordance with the Local Statute, which shall, as enacted, contain provisions and covenants in substantially the form as follows, unless the specific provision or covenant is modified or waived by the Council:

(a) That the gross revenues of the System shall always be used for purposes of the System. The revenues generated from the operation of the System will be used monthly, in the order of priority listed below:

- (i) to pay Operating Expenses of the System;
- (ii) to the extent not otherwise limited by any outstanding loan resolution, indenture or other act or document and beginning on the date set forth in Schedule

X to provide debt service on the Local Bonds by depositing in a sinking fund one-third (1/3) of the interest payment next coming due on the Local Bonds and one-third (1/3) of the principal payment next coming due on the Local Bonds and, beginning three (3) months prior to the first date of payment of principal of the Local Bonds, if the reserve account for the Local Bonds, if any (the "Reserve Account"), was not funded from proceeds of the Local Bonds or otherwise concurrently with the issuance thereof in an amount equal to an amount at least equal to the maximum amount of principal and interest which will come due on the Local Bonds in the then current or any succeeding year (the "Reserve Requirement"), by depositing in the Reserve Account an amount not less than one-twelfth (1/12) of one-tenth (1/10) of the Reserve Requirement or, if the Reserve Account has been so funded (whether by Local Bond proceeds, monthly deposits or otherwise), any amount necessary to maintain the Reserve Account at the Reserve Requirement;

(iii) to create a renewal and replacement, or similar, fund in an amount equal to two and one-half percent (2-1/2%) of the gross revenues from the System, exclusive of any payments into the Reserve Account, for the purpose of improving or making emergency repairs or replacements to the System or eliminating any deficiencies in the Reserve Account; and

(iv) for other legal purposes of the System, including payment of debt service on other obligations junior, subordinate and inferior to the Local Bonds.

Provided, that if the Governmental Agency has existing outstanding indebtedness which has greater coverage or renewal and replacement fund requirements, then the greater requirements will prevail until said existing indebtedness is paid in full.

(b) Covenants substantially as follows:

(i) That the Local Bonds shall be secured by the gross or net revenues from the System, as more fully set forth in Schedules X and Y attached hereto;

(ii) That the schedule of rates or charges for the services of the System shall be sufficient to provide funds which, along with other revenues of the System, will pay all Operating Expenses and leave a balance each year equal to at least one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the maximum amount required in any year for debt service on the Local Bonds and all other obligations secured by a lien on or payable from the revenues of the System prior to or on a parity with the Local Bonds or, if the reserve account, if any, established for the payment of debt service on the Local Bonds (the "Reserve Account") is funded (whether by Local Bond proceeds, monthly deposits or otherwise) at an amount at least equal to the maximum amount of principal and interest which will come due on the Local Bonds in the then current or any succeeding year (the "Reserve Requirement") and any reserve account for any such prior or parity obligations is funded at least at the requirement therefor, equal to at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the maximum

amount required in any year for debt service on the Local Bonds and any such prior or parity obligations;

(iii) That the Governmental Agency will complete the Project and operate and maintain the System in good condition;

(iv) That, except as otherwise required by State law or with the written consent of the Council and the Authority, the System may not be sold, mortgaged, leased or otherwise disposed of except as a whole, or substantially as a whole, and only if the net proceeds to be realized shall be sufficient to pay fully all the Local Bonds outstanding, with further restrictions on the disposition of portions of the System as are normally contained in such covenants;

(v) That the Governmental Agency shall not issue any other obligations payable from the revenues of the System which rank prior to, or equally, as to lien and security with the Local Bonds, except parity bonds which shall only be issued if net revenues of the System prior to issuance of such parity bonds, plus reasonably projected revenues from rate increases and the improvements to be financed by such parity bonds, based upon the rates, Operating Expenses and customer usage on the date of closing, shall not be less than one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the maximum debt service in any succeeding year on all Local Bonds and parity bonds theretofore and then being issued and on any obligations secured by a lien on or payable from the revenues of the System prior to the Local Bonds; provided, however, that additional parity bonds may be issued to complete the Project, as described in the Application as of the date hereof, without regard to the foregoing;

(vi) That the Governmental Agency will carry such insurance as is customarily carried with respect to works and properties similar to the System, including those specified by Section 2.8 hereof;

(vii) That the Governmental Agency will not render any free services of the System;

(viii) That any Local Bond owner may, by proper legal action, compel the performance of the duties of the Governmental Agency under the Local Act, including the making and collection of sufficient rates or charges for services rendered by the System, and shall also have, in the event of a default in payment of principal of or interest on the Local Bonds, the right to obtain the appointment of a receiver to administer the System or construction of the Project, or both, as provided by law;

(ix) That, to the extent authorized by the laws of the State and the rules and regulations of the PSC, all delinquent rates and charges, if not paid when due, shall become a lien on the premises served by the System;

(x) That, to the extent legally allowable, the Governmental Agency will not grant any franchise to provide any services which would compete with the System;

(xi) That the Governmental Agency shall annually cause the records of the System to be audited by an independent certified public accountant or independent public accountant and shall submit the report of said audit to the Authority, which report shall include a statement that the Governmental Agency is in compliance with the terms and provisions of the Local Act and this Loan Agreement and that the Governmental Agency's revenues are adequate to meet its operation and maintenance expenses and debt service requirements;

(xii) That the Governmental Agency shall annually adopt a detailed budget of the estimated revenues and expenditures for operation and maintenance of the System during the succeeding fiscal year and shall submit a copy of such budget to the Authority within 30 days of adoption thereof;

(xiii) That for wastewater systems, to the extent authorized by the laws of the State and the rules and regulations of the PSC, prospective users of the System shall be required to connect thereto;

(xiv) That the proceeds of the Local Bonds must (a) be deposited in a construction fund, which, except as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Authority, shall be held separate and apart from all other funds of the Governmental Agency and on which the owners of the Local Bonds shall have a lien until such proceeds are applied to the construction of the Project (including the repayment of any incidental interim financing for non-construction costs) and/or (b) be used to pay (or redeem) bond anticipation notes or other interim funding of such Governmental Agency, the proceeds of which were used to finance the construction of the Project; provided that, with the prior written consent of the Authority, the proceeds of the Local Bonds may be used to fund all or a portion of the Reserve Account, on which the owner of the Local Bonds shall have a lien as provided herein;

(xv) That, as long as the Authority is the owner of any of the Local Bonds, the Governmental Agency may not redeem any Local Bonds by it without the written consent of the Authority and the Council and otherwise in compliance with this Loan Agreement;

(xvi) That, unless it qualifies for an exception to the provisions of Section 148 of the Code, which exception shall be set forth in an opinion of bond counsel, the Governmental Agency will furnish to the Authority, annually, at such time as it is required to perform its rebate calculations under the Code, a certificate with respect to its rebate calculations and, at any time, any additional information requested by the Authority;

(xvii) That the Governmental Agency shall take any and all action, or shall refrain from taking any action, as shall be deemed necessary by the Authority to maintain the exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes of interest on the State's general obligation bonds or any bonds secured by the Local Bonds;

(xviii) That the Governmental Agency shall have obtained the certificate of the Consulting Engineer in the form attached to the Loan Application, to the effect that the Project has been or will be constructed in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and design as submitted to the Authority, the Project is adequate for the purposes for which it was designed and the funding plan as submitted to the Authority is sufficient to pay the costs of acquisition and construction of the Project;

(xix) To the extent applicable, that the Governmental Agency shall, to the full extent permitted by applicable law and the rules and regulations of the West Virginia Public Service Commission, terminate the services of any water facility owned by it to any customer of the System who is delinquent in payment of charges for services provided by the System and will not restore the services of the water facility until all delinquent charges for the services of the System have been fully paid or, if the water facility is not owned by the Governmental Agency, then the Governmental Agency shall enter into a termination agreement with the water provider; and

(xx) That the Governmental Agency shall furnish to the Authority such information with respect to earnings on all funds constituting "gross proceeds" of the Local Bonds (as that term is defined in the Code) from time to time as the Authority may request.

The Governmental Agency hereby represents and warrants that the Local Act has been or shall be duly adopted in compliance with all necessary corporate and other action and in accordance with applicable provisions of law. All legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Local Bonds shall be approved without qualification by recognized bond counsel acceptable to the Authority in substantially the form of legal opinion attached hereto as Exhibit B.

4.2 The Loan shall be secured by the pledge and assignment by the Governmental Agency, as effected by the Local Act, of the fees, charges and other revenues of the Governmental Agency from the System as further set forth by and subject only to such reservations and exceptions as are described in Schedules X and Y hereto or are otherwise expressly permitted in writing by the Authority and the Council.

4.3 The principal of the Loan shall be repaid by the Governmental Agency on the days and in the years provided in Schedule X hereto. Interest payments on the Loan shall be made by the Governmental Agency on a quarterly basis as provided in said Schedule X.

4.4 The Loan shall bear interest from the date of first payment at the rate or rates per annum set forth on Schedule X hereto. In no event shall the interest rate on or the net interest cost of the Local Bonds exceed any statutory limitation with regard thereto.

4.5 The Local Bonds shall be delivered to the Authority in fully registered form, transferable and exchangeable as provided in the Local Act at the expense of the Governmental Agency. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the Local Bonds may be issued in one or more series, as reflected by Schedule X hereto.

4.6 The Governmental Agency agrees to expend the net proceeds of the Local Bonds for the Project within 3 years of the issuance of the State's general obligation bonds unless otherwise agreed to by the Council.

## ARTICLE V

### Certain Covenants of the Governmental Agency; Imposition and Collection of User Charges; Payments To Be Made by Governmental Agency to the Authority

5.1 The Governmental Agency hereby irrevocably covenants and agrees to comply with all of the terms, conditions and requirements of this Loan Agreement and the Local Act. The Governmental Agency hereby further irrevocably covenants and agrees that, as one of the conditions of the Authority to make the Loan, it has fixed and collected, or will fix and collect, the rates, fees and other charges for the use of the System, as set forth in the Local Act and in compliance with the provisions of Subsections 4.1(a) and 4.1(b)(ii) hereof.

5.2 In the event, for any reason, the schedule of rates, fees and charges initially established for the System in connection with the Local Bonds shall prove to be insufficient to produce the minimum sums set forth in the Local Act, the Governmental Agency hereby covenants and agrees that it will, to the extent or in the manner authorized by law, immediately adjust and increase such schedule of rates, fees and charges so as to provide funds sufficient to produce the minimum sums set forth in the Local Act and as required by this Loan Agreement.

5.3 In the event the Governmental Agency defaults in the payment of any fees due to the Authority pursuant to Section 4.6 hereof, the amount of such default shall bear interest at the interest rate of the installment of the Loan next due, from the date of the default until the date of the payment thereof.

5.4 The Governmental Agency hereby irrevocably covenants and agrees with the Authority that, in the event of any default hereunder by the Governmental Agency,

the Authority may exercise any or all of the rights and powers granted under the Act and State law, including without limitation the right to an appointment of a receiver.

## ARTICLE VI

### Other Agreements of the Governmental Agency

6.1 The Governmental Agency hereby warrants and represents that all information provided to the Authority in this Loan Agreement, in the Application or in any other application or documentation with respect to financing the Project was at the time, and now is, true, correct and complete, and such information does not omit any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. Prior to the Authority's making the Loan and receiving the Local Bonds, the Authority shall have the right to cancel all or any of its obligations under this Loan Agreement if (a) any representation made to the Authority by the Governmental Agency in connection with the Loan shall be incorrect or incomplete in any material respect or (b) the Governmental Agency has violated any commitment made by it in its Application or in any supporting documentation or has violated any of the terms of this Loan Agreement.

6.2 The Governmental Agency hereby covenants that it will rebate any amounts required by Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and will take all steps necessary to make any such rebates. In the event the Governmental Agency fails to make any such rebates as required, then the Governmental Agency shall pay any and all penalties, obtain a waiver from the Internal Revenue Service and take any other actions necessary or desirable to preserve the exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes of interest on the Local Bonds.

6.3 Notwithstanding Section 6.2, the Authority may at any time, in its sole discretion, cause the rebate calculations prepared by or on behalf of the Governmental Agency to be monitored or cause the rebate calculations for the Governmental Agency to be prepared, in either case at the expense of the Governmental Agency.

6.4 The Governmental Agency hereby agrees to give the Authority prior written notice of the issuance by it of any other obligations to be used for the Project, payable from the revenues of the System or from any grants for the Project or otherwise related to the Project or the System.

6.5 The Governmental Agency hereby agrees to file with the Authority upon completion of acquisition and construction of the Project a schedule in substantially the form of Amended Schedule A to the Application, setting forth the actual costs of the Project and sources of funds therefor.

## ARTICLE VII

### Miscellaneous

7.1 Additional definitions, additional terms and provisions of the Loan and additional covenants and agreements of the Governmental Agency may be set forth in Schedule Z attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, with the same effect as if contained in the text of this Loan Agreement.

7.2 The Authority shall take all actions required by the Council in making and enforcing this Loan Agreement.

7.3 If any provision of this Loan Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Loan Agreement, and this Loan Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid or unenforceable provision had not been contained herein.

7.4 This Loan Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, any of which shall be regarded for all purposes as an original and all of which constitute but one and the same instrument. Each party agrees that it will execute any and all documents or other instruments and take such other actions as may be necessary to give effect to the terms of this Loan Agreement.

7.5 No waiver by either party of any term or condition of this Loan Agreement shall be deemed or construed as a waiver of any other terms or conditions, nor shall a waiver of any breach be deemed to constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach, whether of the same or of a different section, subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase or other provision of this Loan Agreement.

7.6 This Loan Agreement merges and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations and agreements between the parties hereto relating to the Loan and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto in respect thereof.

7.7 By execution and delivery of this Loan Agreement, notwithstanding the date hereof, the Governmental Agency specifically recognizes that it is hereby agreeing to sell its Local Bonds to the Authority and that such obligation may be specifically enforced or subject to a similar equitable remedy by the Authority.

7.8 This Loan Agreement shall terminate upon the earlier of:

- (i) the end of ninety (90) days after the date of execution hereof by the Authority if the Governmental Agency has failed to deliver the Local Bonds to the Authority;

- (ii) termination by the Authority pursuant to Section 6.1 hereof; or
- (iii) payment in full of the principal of and interest on the Loan and of any fees and charges owed by the Governmental Agency to the Authority, acting on behalf of the Council.

7.9 The Authority acknowledges that certain terms and requirements in this Loan Agreement may not be applicable when the Project is financed in part by the West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection, Office of Abandoned Mine Lands and under that circumstance those terms and requirements are specifically waived or modified as agreed to by the Authority and set forth in the Local Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Loan Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized officers as of the date executed below by the Authority.

CITY OF ROMNEY

(SEAL)

By: *Wayne Shingleton*  
Its: Mayor

Attest:

Date: *20<sup>th</sup> Aug 1997*

*Jim Maples*  
Its: *Recorder*

WEST VIRGINIA WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(SEAL)

By: *Daniel B. Gorkov*  
Director

Attest:

Date: *8-25-97*

*Barbara B Meadows*  
Secretary-Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF CONSULTING ENGINEER

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Issuer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Bonds)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Registered Professional Engineer, West Virginia License No. \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, Consulting Engineers, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that my firm is engineer for the acquisition and construction of \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ system (herein called the "Project") of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Issuer") to be constructed primarily in \_\_\_\_\_ County, West Virginia, which construction and acquisition are being permanently financed in part by the above-captioned bonds (the "Bonds") of the Issuer. Capitalized words not defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the \_\_\_\_\_ passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Issuer on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, and the Loan Agreement by and between the Issuer and the West Virginia Water Development Authority (the "Authority") dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

1. The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Project").

2. The undersigned hereby certifies that (i) the Project will be constructed in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and designs prepared by my firm and as described in the application submitted to the Authority requesting the Authority to purchase the Bonds (the "Application") and approved by all necessary governmental bodies, (ii) the Project is adequate for the purpose for which it was designed and has an estimated useful life of at least \_\_\_\_\_ years, (iii) the Issuer has received bids for the construction of the Project which are in an amount and otherwise compatible with the plan of financing described in the Application and my firm has ascertained that all contractors have made required provisions for all insurance and payment and performance bonds and that such insurance policies or binders and such bonds have been verified by my firm for accuracy, (iv) the Issuer has obtained all permits required by the laws of the State and the federal government necessary for the construction of the Project, (v) the rates and charges for the System as adopted by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Issuer are sufficient to comply with the provisions of Subsection 4.1(b)(ii) of the Loan Agreement, (vi) the net proceeds of the Bonds, together with all other moneys on deposit or to be simultaneously deposited and irrevocably pledged thereto and the proceeds of grants irrevocably committed therefor, are sufficient to pay the costs of construction and acquisition of the Project as set forth in the Application, and (vii) attached hereto as Exhibit A is the final amended "Schedule A - Total Cost of Project and Sources of Funds" for the Project.

WITNESS my signature on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_

West Virginia License No. \_\_\_\_\_

[SEAL]

EXHIBIT B

[Opinion of Bond Counsel for Governmental Agency]

[To Be Dated as of Date of Loan Closing]

West Virginia Infrastructure and  
Jobs Development Council  
c/o West Virginia Water Development Authority  
1201 Dunbar Avenue  
Dunbar, West Virginia 25064

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are bond counsel to \_\_\_\_\_ (the  
"Governmental Agency"), a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

We have examined a certified copy of proceedings and other papers relating to (i) the authorization of a loan agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_, including all schedules and exhibits attached thereto (the "Loan Agreement"), between the Governmental Agency and the West Virginia Water Development Authority (the "Authority") and (ii) the issue of a series of revenue bonds of the Governmental Agency, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_ (the "Local Bonds"), to be purchased by the Authority in accordance with the provisions of the Loan Agreement. The Local Bonds are in the principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, issued in the form of one bond registered as to principal and interest to the Authority, with interest and principal payable in installments on September 1, December 1, March 1 and June 1 of each year, beginning December 1, 1997, at the rate as set forth in Exhibit A incorporated in and made a part of the Bonds.

The Local Bonds are issued for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ and paying certain issuance and other costs in connection therewith.

We have also examined the applicable provisions of \_\_\_\_\_ of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended (the "Local Statute"), and the bond \_\_\_\_\_ duly enacted by the Governmental Agency on \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Local Act"), pursuant to and under which Local Statute and Local Act the Local Bonds are authorized and issued, and the Loan Agreement that has been undertaken. The Local Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity to the extent, at the time, under the conditions and subject to the limitations set forth in the Local Act and the Loan Agreement.

Based upon the foregoing and upon our examination of such other documents as we have deemed necessary, we are of the opinion as follows:

1. The Loan Agreement has been duly authorized by and executed on behalf of the Governmental Agency and is a valid and binding special obligation of the Governmental Agency enforceable in accordance with the terms thereof.

2. The Loan Agreement inures to the benefit of the Authority and cannot be amended so as to affect adversely the rights of the Authority or diminish the obligations of the Governmental Agency without the consent of the Authority.

3. The Governmental Agency is a duly organized and presently existing \_\_\_\_\_, with full power and authority to construct and acquire the Project and to operate and maintain the System referred to in the Loan Agreement and to issue and sell the Local Bonds, all under the Local Statute and other applicable provisions of law.

4. The Governmental Agency has legally and effectively enacted the Local Act and all other necessary \_\_\_\_\_ in connection with the issuance and sale of the Local Bonds. The Local Act contains provisions and covenants substantially in the form of those set forth in Section 4.1 of the Loan Agreement.

5. The Local Bonds are valid and legally enforceable special obligations of the Governmental Agency, payable from the [net] revenues of the System referred to in the Local Act and secured by a [first] lien on and pledge of the [net] revenues of said System, all in accordance with the terms of the Local Bonds and the Local Act, and have been duly issued and delivered to the Authority.

6. [If required, the Local Bonds are, by statute, exempt \_\_\_\_\_, and under existing statutes and court decisions of the United States of America, as presently written and applied, the interest on the Local Bonds is excludable from the gross income of the recipients thereof for Federal income tax purposes.]

No opinion is given herein as to the effect upon enforceability of the Local Bonds of bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other laws affecting creditors' rights or in the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.

We have examined executed and authenticated Local Bond numbered R-1, and in our opinion the form of said bond and its execution and authentication are regular and proper.

Very truly yours,

EXHIBIT C

Monthly Financial Report

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name of Governmental Agency]

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name of Bond Issue]

Fiscal Year - \_\_\_\_

Report Month: \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO</u> <u>DATE</u>	<u>BUDGET YEAR</u> <u>TO DATE</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
1. <u>ITEM</u> Gross Revenues Collected				
2. Operation and Maintenance Expense				
3. Other Bond Debt Payments (including Reserve Fund deposits)				
4. Bond Payments (include Reserve Fund deposits)				
5. Renewal and Replacement Fund Deposit				
6. Funds available for capital construction				

Witnesseth my signature this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

[Name of Governmental Agency]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer

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## SCHEDULE X

### DESCRIPTION OF BONDS

Principal Amount of Bonds	\$1,424,038
Purchase Price of Bonds	\$1,424,038

Principal and interest on the Bonds is payable quarterly, commencing December 1, 1998 to and including June 1, 2037, at a rate of 0% per annum. Quarterly payments will be made thereafter on each September 1, December 1, March 1 and June 1 commencing December 1, 1998, as set forth on Schedule Y attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The Bonds shall be issued on parity with the Governmental Agency's Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture) issued simultaneously therewith.

The Governmental Agency shall submit its payments monthly to the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission which will make quarterly payments to the West Virginia Water Development Authority at such address as is given to the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission in writing by the Authority.

The Bonds will be fully registered in the name of the West Virginia Water Development Authority as to principal only and such Bonds shall grant the Authority a first lien on the gross revenues of the Governmental Agency's system.

The Governmental Agency may prepay the Bonds in full at any time at the price of par but only with the Council's written consent. The Governmental Agency shall request approval from the Authority and Council in writing of any proposed debt which will be issued by the Governmental Agency on a parity with Bonds which request must be filed at least 60 days prior to the intended date of issuance.

## SCHEDULE Y

City of Romney, West Virginia  
 Infrastructure Fund Loan of \$1,424,038  
 40 Years, 0% Interest

### DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Principal	Coupon	Total P+I
9/01/1998	-	-	-
12/01/1998	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
3/01/1999	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
6/01/1999	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
9/01/1999	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
12/01/1999	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
3/01/2000	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
6/01/2000	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
9/01/2000	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
12/01/2000	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
3/01/2001	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
6/01/2001	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
9/01/2001	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
12/01/2001	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
3/01/2002	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
6/01/2002	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
9/01/2002	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
12/01/2002	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
3/01/2003	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
6/01/2003	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
9/01/2003	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
12/01/2003	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
3/01/2004	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
6/01/2004	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
9/01/2004	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
12/01/2004	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
3/01/2005	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
6/01/2005	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
9/01/2005	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
12/01/2005	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
3/01/2006	9,187.35	-	9,187.35
6/01/2006	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2006	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2006	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2007	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2007	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2007	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2007	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2008	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2008	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2008	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2008	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2009	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2009	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2009	9,187.34	-	9,187.34

City of Romney, West Virginia  
 Infrastructure Fund Loan of \$1,424,038  
 40 Years, 0% Interest

DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Principal	Coupon	Total P+I
12/01/2009	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2010	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2010	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2010	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2010	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2011	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2011	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2011	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2011	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2012	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2012	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2012	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2012	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2013	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2013	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2013	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2013	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2014	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2014	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2014	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2014	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2015	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2015	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2015	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2015	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2016	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2016	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2016	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2016	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2017	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2017	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2017	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2017	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2018	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2018	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2018	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2018	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2019	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2019	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2019	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2019	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2020	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2020	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2020	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2020	9,187.34	-	9,187.34

City of Romney, West Virginia  
 Infrastructure Fund Loan of \$1,424,038  
 40 Years, 0% Interest

DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Principal	Coupon	Total P+I
3/01/2021	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2021	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2021	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2021	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2022	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2022	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2022	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2022	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2023	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2023	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2023	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2023	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2024	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2024	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2024	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2024	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2025	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2025	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2025	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2025	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2026	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2026	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2026	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2026	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2027	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2027	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2027	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2027	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2028	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2028	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2028	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2028	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2029	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2029	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2029	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2029	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2030	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2030	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2030	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2030	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2031	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2031	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2031	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2031	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2032	9,187.34	-	9,187.34

City of Romney, West Virginia  
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40 Years, 0% Interest

DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Principal	Coupon	Total P+I
6/01/2032	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2032	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2032	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2033	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2033	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2033	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2033	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2034	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2034	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2034	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2034	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2035	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2035	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2035	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2035	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2036	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2036	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2036	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2036	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2037	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2037	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
TOTAL	1,424,038.00	-	1,424,038.00

YIELD STATISTICS

Bond Year Dollars.....	\$27,768.74
Average Life.....	19.500 Years
Average Coupon.....	-
Net Interest Cost (NIC).....	-
True Interest Cost (TIC).....	0.0000000%
Bond Yield for Arbitrage Purposes.....	0.0000000%
All Inclusive Cost (AIC).....	0.0000000%
IRS FORM 8038	
Net Interest Cost.....	-
Weighted Average Maturity.....	19.500 Years

## SCHEDULE Z

### Special Conditions

The Series 1997 B Bonds shall be subject to prepayment, commencing December 1, 1999, and on December 1 of each year thereafter, so long as the Series 1997 B Bonds are outstanding, but only from the sources set forth as follows:

On the date of issuance of the Series 1997 B Bonds, the Issuer shall certify to the Authority and the Council (a) the number of gallons of water sold to Central Hampshire Public Service District (the "District") from the System during the 12 month period ended June 30, 1997 (the "Original Amount"), and (b) the number of customers receiving water service from the Issuer (the "Base Customer List") as of such date. After completion of construction of the Project, as certified by the Consulting Engineer, the Issuer shall each year, as part of the Issuer's annual audit, require the Independent Certified Public Accountants to provide to the Authority and the Council certification as of June 30 of each Fiscal Year, based on the audit, the prepayment amount. The prepayment amount shall be calculated as follows:

The sum of:

- (a) The number of gallons of water sold by the Issuer to the District in such Fiscal Year in excess of the Original Amount multiplied by the debt service component of \$.00132; and
- (b) The number of gallons of water sold by the Issuer to new connections above the Base Customer List that connected to the System after the date of completion of the Project multiplied by the debt service component of \$.00193.

If the prepayment amount is less than \$500, no prepayment is required. If the prepayment amount is equal to or exceeds \$500, such payment shall be remitted to the Commission on November 1 following the end of the Fiscal Year in which the prepayment amount was generated. The Issuer shall provide notice to the Commission, the Authority and the Council of the prepayment amount along with the audit and certification from the Independent Certified Public Accountants not less than 15 days prior to the prepayment date. The Commission shall remit such prepayment amount to the Authority on December 1 of the year of payment.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the prepayment provision shall be subject to all payments required to be made into all funds and accounts set forth in Section 5.03 of the Bond Ordinance having been made in full.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF WEST VIRGINIA  
AT CHARLESTON

**FINAL**

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Entered: November 21, 1996

CASE NO. 96-1002-W-MA

CITY OF ROMNEY, a municipal  
corporation, Hampshire County.

Investigation and suspension of increase  
in water rates and charges as a result  
of a petition filed in accordance with  
West Virginia Code §24-2-4b.

CASE NO. 96-0446-W-CN

CITY OF ROMNEY, a municipal  
corporation, Hampshire County.

Application for a certificate of convenience  
and necessity to make improvements to its  
water system at Romney, Hampshire County, and  
for approval of financing incidental thereto.

RECOMMENDED DECISION

PROCEDURE

Case No. 96-0446-W-CN

On April 18, 1996, the City of Romney (Romney), a municipal corporation, filed a duly verified application with the Public Service Commission, pursuant to West Virginia Code (Code) §24-2-11, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to improve its water treatment system in Romney, Hampshire County, by constructing a new water treatment plant, a 500,000-gallon water storage tank and a new transmission line connecting the treatment plant and tank to its existing water distribution system, and for approval of financing related to providing these services. The Commission has designated this certificate case as Case No. 96-0446-W-CN.

On April 18, 1996, the Commission directed Romney to publish the Notice of Filing in a newspaper duly qualified by the Secretary of State, published and generally circulated in Romney, Hampshire County, West Virginia, thereby granting the public thirty (30) days to file a written protest to the proposed project. The Notice of Filing provided that, should no one protest

the proposed project within the 30-day protest period, the Commission may waive formal hearing and grant the application based upon its review of the evidence submitted with the application. The Notice of Filing also contained a notice of proposed rates. (See, Case No. 96-1002-W-MA, below). In response thereto, on April 27, 1996, Romney filed a publication affidavit with the Commission indicating that the Notice of Filing had been published as directed on April 24, 1996, in the Hampshire Review, a newspaper published and generally circulated in the City of Romney, Hampshire County, West Virginia. The Commission's case file in Case No. 96-0446-W-CN contains no protests.

On April 23, 1996, Staff Attorney Cassius H. Toon, Esquire, filed the Initial Joint Staff Memorandum, dated April 23, 1996, in Case No. 96-446-W-CN, attaching thereto the Utilities Division Initial Staff Recommendation, dated April 22, 1996, from Chief Utilities Manager Cleo C. McGraw, Water and Sewer Section, Utilities Division, indicating that, once Commission Staff has completed its review of the application, it would issue a recommendation.

On April 29, 1996, the Commission entered the Commission Referral Order in Case No. 96-0446-W-CN, referring this matter to the Division of Administrative Law Judges (ALJ Division) for hearing and decision no later than November 14, 1996.

#### Case No. 96-1002-W-MA

On July 15, 1996, Romney adopted an ordinance increasing its rates and charges to provide water service to its customers inside and outside its corporate boundaries, to become effective August 19, 1996. Romney published a notice of these rates, and, pursuant thereto, on August 8, 1996, the Central Hampshire Public Service District (District) filed a petition with the Public Service Commission, protesting Romney's July 15, 1996 rate ordinance. Pursuant to the protest and pursuant to West Virginia Code (Code) §24-2-4b, on August 21, 1996, the Commission invoked its jurisdiction over the municipal appeal by entering the Commission Order Invoking Jurisdiction, Suspending Rates and Referring Proceeding (Order). The Commission has designated this municipal proceeding as Case No. 96-1002-W-MA.

By said August 21, 1996 Order, the Commission made Romney a Respondent to this municipal appeal proceeding and, pending investigation, hearing and decision in this matter, the Commission suspended the aforesaid rate ordinance and deferred the use of the rates and charges stated in the rate ordinance until 12:01 a.m., December 27, 1996, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, to enable the Commission time to examine and investigate the supporting data filed with the rate ordinance and to provide time for Commission Staff to make reports concerning the matters involved in this proceeding. Also, the August 21, 1996 Order referred Case No. 96-1002-W-MA to the ALJ Division for hearing and decision no later than November 27, 1996, since November 29, 1996 is a holiday, effectively 30 days prior to the end of the statutory suspension period. Finally, the Order directed Commission Staff to file its report on or before October 11, 1996.

On August 26, 1996, Melissa K. Marland, Chief Administrative Law Judge, issued a Procedural Order appointing the undersigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), Ronnie Z. McCann, to review the grievances raised by the petitioners in this proceeding, to conduct a hearing and to issue a recommended decision on the matters involved in this proceeding.

Pursuant to all of the above, on August 26, 1996, the ALJ issued a Procedural Order establishing a procedural schedule to process and resolve this matter, including an October 18, 1996 hearing date.

On September 13, 1996, Romney filed a letter by facsimile transmission, dated September 13, 1996, from Cathe Moreland, Esquire, moving the ALJ to reschedule the October 18, 1996 hearing date. Ms. Moreland requested that the ALJ schedule the hearing on October 10, 1996, because Romney's engineer would be out of the country during the week ending on October 18, 1996, making him unavailable for the hearing. In response to Romney's motion to reschedule the hearing date, on September 16, 1996, Staff Attorney Cassius H. Toon, Esquire, filed a Further Joint Staff Memorandum, dated September 16, 1996, indicating that he had discussed this matter by telephone with Ms. Moreland, and that the parties had agreed, in conjunction with the ALJ's hearing schedule, that Friday, October 25, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., EDST, would be the most convenient time to convene the hearing in the instant municipal appeal proceeding. In response thereto, on September 19, 1996, the ALJ issued a Procedural Order Establishing New Procedural Schedule, including a Friday, October 25, 1996 hearing date.

#### Consolidated Case

On September 10, 1996, Staff Attorney Toon filed a Further Joint Staff Memorandum, dated September 10, 1996, referring to both Case No. 96-0446-W-CN and Case No. 96-1002-W-MA, and requesting that the Commission consolidate these two cases for hearing and decision.

On October 21, 1996, the Commission entered the Commission Order Extending Decision Deadline and Consolidating, thereby consolidating Case Nos. 96-0446-W-CN and 96-1002-W-MA and extending the recommended decision due date in Case No. 96-0446-W-CN effectively until November 27, 1996, since November 29, 1996, is a holiday, i.e., the same due date as Case No. 96-1002-W-MA.

On Friday, October 25, 1996, the ALJ convened the hearing as scheduled in this consolidated proceeding. Romney appeared by counsel, Cathe Moreland, Esquire; Commission Staff appeared by counsel, Staff Attorney Cassius H. Toon, Esquire; Central Hampshire Public Service District appeared by counsel, Loudoun Thompson, Esquire; one of the individuals who protested the rate ordinance, Ann W. Hill, appeared by counsel, Charles E. Parsons, Esquire; and approximately 80 of Romney's water system customers and approximately five of the District's water system customers appeared at the hearing in person, pro se, to protest the rate ordinance and to voice some opposition to the new water treatment and storage facilities proposed by Romney in the certificate case.

Romney presented the testimony of three witnesses and presented three exhibits. Commission Staff presented the testimony of three witnesses and presented four exhibits. The District presented no evidence, but it participated in the hearing by cross-examining the witnesses. Ann Hill presented two exhibits. Twelve of the Protestants presented testimony.

After the hearing, the parties, including many of the Protestants, availed themselves of the opportunity under Code §24-1-9(b) to file proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, or briefs, to support their respective positions. Commission also presented a Post-Hearing Exhibit to correct some errors contained in its previous exhibits.

On November 20, 1996, Romney filed a copy of the publication affidavit, by facsimile transmission, indicating that the Notice of Hearing for this consolidated case was published as directed on October 2, 1996, and on October 9, 1996, in the Hampshire Review, a newspaper published and generally circulated in the City of Romney, Hampshire County, West Virginia.

#### EVIDENCE

The first witness to testify was Romney's City Administrator since 1987, Garry Buckbee, who testified on behalf of Romney. Mr. Buckbee testified that Romney's water treatment plant has been in service since 1928, and, in 1968, Romney added more capacity to its water system by adding another treatment facility. However, both of these treatment facilities are near the end of their useful lives, particularly because both have been flooded three times during the past eleven years, i.e., once in 1985 and twice in 1996. The proposed new water treatment plant will improve Romney's water quality. The new plant will completely replace the two existing plants and will be located well above the flood stage for the area. Romney has been planning this new plant since 1992. (Tr., pp. 10-12).

Mr. Buckbee testified that the old treatment plants have deteriorated in every aspect of their operation. During a recent sanitary survey conducted by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (Health Department), Romney's water treatment facilities failed in every category. The Health Department recommended that Romney completely replace its water treatment facilities, rather than try to continue to repair the existing facilities. (Tr., pp. 12-13). Romney hired an engineering firm in 1992 to study its existing water treatment facilities and to design the least costly, most effective and most efficient alternative to Romney's existing treatment and storage facilities. The facilities proposed in the certificate case resulted from this engineering study. (Tr., pp. 13-14). The new treatment plant will cost approximately \$4,200,000. Romney proposed to finance the project with a \$750,000 Small Cities Block (SCB) grant; a \$538,000 Infrastructure Council (IC) grant; and a \$2,900,000 Farmers Home Administration (FHA) loan. Romney passed the July 15, 1996 rate ordinance specifically to provide rates sufficient to cover the additional operation and maintenance (O&M) expenses and the additional debt service requirements necessitated by the proposed project. (Tr., pp. 14-15).

Relying upon a study performed by Romney's engineering firm in 1992, Mr. Buckbee estimated that Romney's population would increase slightly by

the year 2000, and that the population of the outlying areas of Hampshire County, i.e., those areas served by the District, would increase at a greater pace. He estimated that, by the year 2000, Hampshire County would have approximately 18,000 residents, about 2,200 of whom would reside inside Romney. He opined that Romney's existing water treatment plants, even if they were not old and worn out, could not meet the public water needs of Hampshire County in the foreseeable future. (Tr., pp. 15-16). Mr. Buckbee stated that the most recent flood occurred in mid-September 1996, and Romney's treatment plants were completely submerged for two days. It took Romney approximately one week before it could restore the existing treatment plants to a working condition and to begin again to provide public water service to its customers. One of the chief reasons for the proposed new treatment facility is to locate it above the flood plain. (Tr., pp. 16-17).

Mr. Buckbee discussed the rate ordinance. He testified that Romney had relied upon its engineering firm to develop the rates set forth in the ordinance. He believes that the rate structure follows Commission policy. He opined that the rates contained in the ordinance, i.e., \$4.75 per 1,000 gallons for the first 5,000 gallons used, \$3.52 per 1,000 gallons for the next 15,000 gallons used, \$2.87 per 1,000 gallons for all further use and a \$2.49 resale rate, are the rates that Romney needs in order to be fair to all customers and to cover all O&M expenses and debt service requirements. (Tr., pp. 17-19). He testified that Romney had explored several alternatives to the proposed \$4,200,000 project. He stated that the engineers hired by Romney to study this problem had looked at the feasibility of repairing the existing treatment plants, building a smaller replacement plant and several other alternatives. However, the engineers advised that the proposed project would be the most efficient and cost-effective route to follow. (Tr., pp. 19-21).

Mr. Buckbee opined that Romney had sought funding for the proposed project from every State and Federal source known to him, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), due to the flooding, but Romney did not qualify for any grants except those set forth in the proposed financial package outlined earlier. He indicated that the interest rate for the funds to be borrowed from the FHA had not been set in stone, but, if the loan were made today, the interest rate would be 5.2%, with a 2-year interest-only term and a 38-year interest plus principal term. (Tr., pp. 21-23). Mr. Buckbee deferred several questions to Romney's engineer pertaining to the size of the new treatment and storage facilities in relation to the projected growth of Hampshire County. (Tr., pp. 23-25, 29-31).

Mr. Buckbee did not know when the proposed rates would become effective, but he opined that they should be made effective as soon as possible. Romney has not yet solicited bids for the proposed project. (Tr., pp. 25-28). He stated that one of the reasons that Romney decided to build larger treatment and storage facilities was to accommodate planned growth within the District. He opined that the District already had plans to expand its system. He clarified that Romney would not be expanding its water distribution system substantially in the near future, but he believed that the District would. He opined that the new treatment and storage facilities would greatly improve the quality and availability of the water sold by Romney and the District. (Tr., pp. 28-29).

The next witness to testify on behalf of Romney was Andrew Blenko, registered professional engineer employed as the project manager by the engineering firm hired by Romney to evaluate, plan and design the proposed new treatment and storage facilities. This engineering firm also will oversee and inspect construction of the proposed project. (Tr., p. 32). Mr. Blenko is familiar with Romney's rate structure, and he helped to design the July 15, 1996 rate ordinance. (Tr., p. 32). Mr. Blenko's engineering firm analyzed several alternatives to Romney's proposed project, and, in a report completed in May 1993, the engineering firm opined that the most efficient and cost-effective alternative for Romney is the proposed project. He estimated that the proposed project would cost \$4,200,000. He opined that, in order to cover increased O&M expenses and the increased debt service requirements related to the proposed project, Romney's annual revenue requirement would be \$466,000. He stated that Romney followed the standard protocol established by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) to design the rate structure set forth in the July 15, 1996 rate ordinance. (Tr., pp. 32-35).

Mr. Blenko commented that, in order to receive consideration from the IC for funding for the proposed project, Romney's minimum monthly water bill should equal at least 1.5% of the mean income of Romney's customers. He stated that the mean income in Romney was approximately \$17,000 annually, or \$1,417 monthly. 1.5% of \$1,417 is roughly \$21.25, and, if a minimum bill is based upon the average use of 4,500 gallons per month, the minimum bill would be calculated by dividing \$21.25 by 4.5 to arrive at approximately \$4.75 per 1,000 gallons. He stated that the AWWA formula would set Romney's rates at \$4.38 per 1,000 gallons, but Romney "rounded" this figure up to \$4.75 in its ordinance in order to comply with the IC formula to qualify for grant money. He acknowledged that, after designing the rates, the IC had lowered this qualification to 1% of the mean monthly income. He explained that, without the IC grant, Romney would have had to borrow an additional \$538,000 for the project, thereby substantially increasing the debt service requirement, which would drive rates even higher. (Tr., pp. 35-37).

Mr. Blenko stated that Romney has been holding its water system together with "hay-baling wire" for quite some time. Romney has no reserve fund available to help finance the proposed project, any other project or make emergency repairs. He opined that Romney's wages for its plant operators and other employees necessary to keep the water plant operating are not competitive. He stated that other departments in Romney's city government have been subsidizing Romney's water operation. Romney's goal in adopting the July 15, 1996 rate ordinance was to catch up all of its water system operations, i.e., to cover all present O&M expenses, to cover all O&M expenses related to the proposed project, to cover all existing debt service requirements, to cover all additional debt service requirements related to the proposed project, to provide a cash flow surplus sufficient to fund ordinary plant additions and to fund a reserve account required by the bond and needed by Romney to meet unforeseen contingencies. (Tr., pp. 37-39).

Mr. Blenko stated that the new treatment facility will be located well above the flood plain. The new treatment plant will be automated and will be able to handle a much wider range of variations in the raw water treats. By locating the new storage tank at roughly the same elevation as the existing tank, Romney will be able to keep pressure constant while

increasing the rate of water flow. This will enhance fire protection service and will enable Romney to supply the water necessary for population growth and economic expansion in Hampshire County. (Tr., pp. 39-40). Romney's existing plants do not meet the standards of the Health Department, the Federal Clean Water Act and other State and Federal laws, rules and regulations. (Tr., pp. 40-41, 46). He opined that the existing plants are not large enough to handle the demands of Romney's customers, including its resale customer, the District. The existing plants, even if repaired, would still be highly susceptible to flooding, and an additional plant would be required to meet the demand. He reiterated that Romney's plants were built in 1928 and 1968, and he opined that they had out-lived their useful lives. (Tr., pp. 41-43).

Mr. Blenko opined that Romney had to obtain a certificate of convenience and necessity prior to soliciting bids for the proposed project. He estimated that, if the Commission grants Romney's application for a certificate, Romney would begin construction in the spring of 1997, and, depending upon the weather, the project would take about 12 to 18 months to construct. (Tr., pp. 43-45).

Mr. Blenko stated that the engineering firm which employs him has 21 offices across the nation, and he works out of its Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania office. He indicated that this firm performed the feasibility study to assist Romney in deciding which route to take to upgrade its treatment facilities, and the firm designed the proposed project. He stated that the final design would be completed within two weeks, i.e., every item has been fully designed except for some electrical design and detail work. (Tr., pp. 47-48). The new water treatment plant will be located at a higher elevation than the existing plant, to prevent flooding of the plant. The water storage tank will be located near Romney's existing storage facility. The project also includes a water transmission line to tie the new treatment plant and storage tank into Romney's existing distribution system. He opined that a new storage tank was required because, on several occasions, the existing storage facilities have been completely drained by the demand on the system. This demand is exacerbated when a large leak occurs on the distribution system of Romney or the District, leaving Romney's customers without drinking water or fire protection. The new tank also will greatly improve the water flows necessary for proper fire protection. He opined that the proposed new treatment plant and storage facilities would not increase water pressure to the point where it would damage Romney's old water distribution system. He opined that, with the new treatment and storage facility, the flow rate at 20 pounds per square inch (psi) would increase from 700 gallons per minute to over 1,000 gallons per minute, thereby greatly enhancing the fire protection potential for Romney and the outlying areas served by the District. (Tr., pp. 48-53).

Mr. Blenko indicated that, although his engineering firm had not designed water projects in the immediate area of Romney, it had designed many water projects, some of which were in West Virginia. He stated that, since this project would be financed in part by Federal funds, he had followed Federal mandates pertaining to wage scales for the labor required for the project. He followed generally accepted engineering standards and practices when he estimated the total cost for the project. (Tr., pp. 53-56). Mr. Blenko stated that his engineering firm will receive a fixed fee

for engineering services in connection with the project. He indicated that since the FHA has authority to review engineering fees charged for the project, even though the fee is a fixed amount, it cannot exceed the percentage of the cost approved by the FHA. (Tr., pp. 56-63).

Mr. Blenko stated that he had designed the proposed project by utilizing a computerized hydraulic model of Romney and the surround areas. This assisted him in determining the proper pressures and flows in the existing mains. (Tr., pp. 63-65). He reiterated that, since Romney had depleted its existing storage capacity on several occasions, Romney needed a larger treatment plant and storage tank. (Tr., pp. 65-66). He opined that the proposed project was the "most bare bones" project his engineering firm ever has designed, i.e., they have done everything practicable to economize. (Tr., p. 67).

The final witness to testify on behalf of Romney was the Director of the Region Eight Planning and Development Council (Region 8), Kenneth W. Dyche. Mr. Dyche stated that Region 8 had assisted Romney in identifying and securing funding sources for the proposed project. He assisted Romney in preparing its Rule 42 exhibit. Region 8's goal was to help Romney arrive at rates which would support all of Romney's O&M expenses and its debt service obligations. From the reverse perspective, Region 8 assisted Romney in designing new water treatment and storage facilities which reasonably could pay for themselves through rates which Romney's ratepayers could afford. He opined that rates should also be sufficient to provide a cushion or a reserve to cover renewal and replacement of the system. (Tr., pp. 67-71). Mr. Dyche opined that the O&M expenses projected by Romney and by Commission Staff are very similar. He stated that the debt service requirements used by Commission Staff are substantially less than the debt service requirements calculated by Romney, and, for this reason, he opined that Romney would experience a cash flow shortfall if the Commission adopts the Staff-recommended rates. He clarified that Commission Staff had overestimated Romney's income while underestimating Romney's debt service requirements. He opined that the Staff-recommended rates would only provide a 109% debt service coverage ratio, not the 110% required by FHA, which, in his opinion, could jeopardize the FHA loan. (Tr., pp. 71-76).

Mr. Dyche stated that the IC had reviewed all of the alternatives to the proposed project, and it found the proposed project to be an acceptable alternative. He opined that the proposed project was not too large an undertaking for Romney. He also opined that Hampshire County was one of only a handful of West Virginia Counties that has demonstrated population growth in the recent past and is expected to continue to grow. He opined that, because of FHA rules and regulations, Romney cannot advertise for bids prior to obtaining a certificate of convenience and necessity. (Tr., pp. 76-78). The IC has issued a notice of eligibility indicating that Romney is eligible for a \$538,000 IC grant. He opined that this grant was predicated upon Romney's minimum bill meeting or exceeding 1.5% of the area's median household income. He explained that this grant was approved after the Legislature had reduced the 1.5% figure to 1%, but this change had not yet become effective. (Tr., pp. 78-80).

Mr. Dyche clarified that, though the IC had issued a notice of eligibility for the grant, the grant hinged upon Romney receiving the

certificate of convenience and necessity. He reiterated his concerns that project funding might be jeopardized by the Staff-recommended rates. (Tr., pp. 80-86). He opined that the four years that this project has taken to develop is not an extraordinarily long time for a project of this nature. He opined that, since Romney has to replace its treatment plants and add considerable storage capacity, the proposed project is not too costly. Compared with some other water projects in the Region 8 area, Romney has had to do much more to make its water system meet the standards of the Health Department and other governmental agencies. (Tr., pp. 86-90).

Mr. Dyche has 21 years' experience reviewing rate cases and certificate cases for municipalities and other water and sewer utilities. He opined that, though the Staff-recommended rates in certificate cases sometimes are a little low, generally they are sufficient to satisfy bondholders. Bondholders are not as concerned with rate structure as they are with whether the revenue generated will cover O&M expenses and debt service requirements, including the ability to fund reserve accounts. He estimated that Commission Staff may have underestimated Romney's debt service requirement by \$3,000 to \$4,000 annually. (Tr., pp. 90-93). He opined that, even though the new rates are designed to support the additional O&M expenses and debt service requirement created by the proposed project, the new rates should become effective immediately so that Romney can avoid a large portion of the interest payments it will incur if the rates do not become effective until the project is substantially completed, i.e., if the rates become effective immediately, Romney might be able to avoid some higher-interest, short-term finance charges. (Tr., pp. 93-97).

Mr. Dyche opined that Commission Staff's estimation of O&M expenses is essentially correct. Commission Staff has allowed for plant renewal and replacement in the cash flow surplus, not in the O&M expense category. He acknowledged that, according to the Commission Staff Rule 42 Exhibit (Staff Exhibit No. 1), the Staff-recommended rates would produce a 113% debt service coverage ratio, or 3% more than what the FHA will require. (Tr., pp. 97-99). He opined that the Staff-recommended cash flow surplus of \$5,191 is not adequate for a municipal water system such as Romney's. (Tr., pp. 99-102).

Mr. Dyche indicated that one of the factors considered by Romney in deciding to build the proposed project is the fact that the District has prefiled a certificate case to expand its service territory. However, he opined that it would not be prudent for Romney to design rates now which anticipate the additional income to be derived from those prospective customers of the District because the District's plans may not come to fruition until several years from now. (Tr., pp. 102-104). Mr. Dyche sponsored Romney Exhibit Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Romney Exhibit No. 1 is a detail of projected operating revenues under the rate ordinance. Romney Exhibit No. 2 is the Rule 42 Exhibit relied upon by Romney to support its rate ordinance. Romney Exhibit No. 3 is a cash flow analysis contrasting the Staff-recommended rates with the rates which would be generated by the rate ordinance. (Tr., pp. 104-110). Mr. Dyche clarified that he used a 38-year amortization schedule for the proposed FHA loan, which requires larger annual payments than the 40-year amortization schedule utilized by Commission Staff, because the FHA loan actually requires no payment on the principal for the first two years of the loan. (Tr., pp. 110-113).

The first witness to testify on behalf of Commission Staff was Utilities Analyst Sterling E. Bare, Utilities Division. Mr. Bare sponsored Staff Exhibit No. 1, the Rule 42 Exhibit which he prepared. (Tr., pp. 114-115). Mr. Bare explained that the test year included the full fiscal year ending on June 30, 1996. He opined that Romney requires annual operating revenues of \$448,335, including a cash flow surplus of \$5,191 (after making the annual \$17,361 payment into the bond reserve account) and a debt service coverage ratio of 113% (assuming the Commission approves the related certificate case). He noted that the debt service coverage ratio had to be at least 110%, and the July 15, 1996 rate ordinance would generate annual revenues that would provide a 126% debt service coverage ratio. (Tr., pp. 115-119). Mr. Bare testified that he had reviewed the financial recommendations of Utilities Analyst Randy Lengyel in the certificate case, and Mr. Bare adopted Mr. Lengyel's recommendations. (Mr. Lengyel was not able to attend the hearing). Mr. Bare recommended that the requested certificate not be granted unless the Commission also approves rates sufficient to cover the additional O&M expenses and debt service requirements related to the certificate case, and, likewise, the rates should remain unchanged unless the Commission approves the certificate filing, i.e., the Staff-recommended rates should not take effect until the proposed project is substantially completed. (Tr., pp. 119-121).

Mr. Bare explained one substantial going-level O&M adjustment of \$13,147, i.e., this was a non-recurring expenditure reimbursed by FEMA. (Tr., pp. 121-122). Mr. Bare explained that Commission Staff utilized a 40-year amortization schedule for the FHA loan in order to avoid a two-tier rate structure, i.e., one set of rates during the two-year period when Romney would have to pay interest only and another set of rates for the 38-year period when Romney would have to pay interest and principal. He opined that, if Romney sets aside the additional \$42,700 that it will receive during the first two years of the loan, this amount will cover the higher payments required during the remaining 38 years. He also opined that, once Romney actually begins to pay the principal and interest, it could pass another rate ordinance if the rates approved in the instant case prove to be insufficient. (Tr., pp. 122-126).

Mr. Bare opined that, even though Romney's financial books and records for the test year had not been audited yet, the test year chosen by Commission Staff is appropriate because it contains a more accurate picture of Romney's current expenses. He noted that Romney had filed its annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, about three weeks prior to the hearing, and his review of this report did not alter any of the figures he used to prepare Staff Exhibit No. 1. (Tr., pp. 126-127). Mr. Bare stated that Romney originally indicated in the certificate case that it would require approximately \$448,000 in annual revenues to operate its water system once the project became operational. However, the July 15, 1996 rate ordinance contains rates that would produce approximately \$469,000 in annual operating revenues. (Tr., pp. 127-130).

Mr. Bare acknowledged that, once the new system becomes operational, Romney will incur additional costs of \$28,588 for operation labor. Commission Staff made a going-level adjustment to cover this added expense by relying upon information furnished by Romney's project engineering firm. This adjustment includes adding one new employee. (Tr., pp. 130-131).

Mr. Bare corroborated earlier testimony that the IC had established guidelines to determine whether a utility was entitled to receive an IC grant, i.e., the utility's average rate (for 4,500 gallons per month) should be at least 1.5% of the median income for the utility's residential customer base. After Romney filed its application, the IC dropped this criteria from 1.5% to 1%. Romney would qualify for the IC grant with the Staff-recommended rates under either the 1% or the 1.5% criteria. Mr. Bare emphasized, however, that the 1% and the 1.5% criteria merely are guidelines or benchmarks, not hard and fast rules. He clarified that he could see nothing in Romney's certificate application or in the Staff-recommended rates which would prevent Romney from receiving the anticipated IC grant. (Tr., pp. 131-135).

The next witness to testify on behalf of Commission Staff was Technical Analyst James E. Spurlock. Mr. Spurlock sponsored Staff Exhibit No. 2, the Engineering Allocation Factors for Cost of Service Study for the rate case (Case No. 96-1002-W-MA), and Staff Exhibit No. 4, the Final Staff Memorandum, dated October 22, 1996, from Mr. Spurlock and Utilities Analyst Randy Lengyel, in the certificate case (Case No. 96-0446-W-CN). (Tr., pp. 138-139). Commission Staff opined that public convenience and necessity require the proposed new water treatment and storage facilities, and it recommended granting the certificate application, provided that the Commission approves rates sufficient to cover the additional costs related to the proposed project. The new treatment plant will replace two plants built in 1928 and 1968, respectively. Commission Staff noted that the West Virginia Office of Environmental Health Services (Health Services) has issued Permit No. 12,657 for the proposed project, and Romney has received all of the necessary letters of commitment from the funding agencies, i.e., a \$750,000 SCB grant, a \$538,000 IC grant and a \$2,900,000 FHA loan, for an estimated total project cost of \$4,188,000. Mr. Spurlock corrected a typographical error on one page of Staff Exhibit No. 2, and he adopted Staff Exhibit Nos. 2 and 4 as his testimony. (Tr., pp. 139-141; Staff Exhibit Nos. 2 and 4).

Mr. Spurlock explained how Commission Staff utilizes a cost of service study to design rates that are fair to all customer classes by spreading out the various costs to provide the service so that one customer class does not subsidize another customer class. He utilized the 1983 Water Rates Manual Number M-1 published by the AWWA, which is recognized as a reliable authority industry-wide, as the basis for the cost of service study in the instant case. He explained how each customer class is responsible for various portions of the cost to provide the service, and the cost of service study provides a basis to design rates for each respective customer class which best reflect that class's actual portion of the costs. He utilized four basic factors to allocate the costs to each customer class, i.e., the customer cost, the commodity cost, the maximum hour demand and the maximum day demand for each customer class. (Tr., pp. 141-145).

Mr. Spurlock opined that the proposed increase in labor costs after the new plant was operating appeared to him to be reasonable. Also, the new, larger plant will use more chemicals. He indicated that he did not compare previous operating costs with new operating costs. Rather, he just tried to determine whether the proposed operating costs after the new project becomes operational are reasonable, and he opined that the projected costs appear

reasonable to him for the new project. (Tr., pp. 145-147). He did not consider any change in the Federal minimum wage laws. (Tr., p. 148). He opined that Romney could not continue to provide public water service with its existing plants. He referred to several violations for which Romney has been cited, and he opined that the existing plants cannot provide the quantity or quality of water necessary to continue to provide public water service because State and Federal guidelines for safe drinking water have become more stringent over the years. Additionally, he opined that the existing location of the treatment plants within the flood plain clearly is unacceptable. He compared Romney's existing treatment plants to an old car with over 100,000 miles on it. Trying to keep it running will become more costly every year. (Tr., pp. 148-149).

Mr. Spurlock noted that, since the District, i.e., the only resale customer, has a master meter that is read daily, he was able to calculate the actual maximum day factors for the resale class. He clarified that this actual figure had to be adjusted slightly to reflect the fact that the District has two separate distribution areas, and one of these areas, i.e., the "Route 28" system, does not have a master meter. The Staff-recommended resale rate is the same irrespective of which part of the District's distribution system uses the water purchased. (Tr., pp. 149-154).

The final witness to testify on behalf of Commission Staff was Senior Utilities Analyst Diane Davis Calvert. Ms. Calvert sponsored Staff Exhibit No. 3, the Class Cost of Service Study and Rates, which she prepared. She utilized the information from Staff Exhibit Nos. 1 and 2 to design rates which would produce the revenue levels required by Romney and which would be fair and reasonable for all customer classes. (Tr., pp. 154-156; Staff Exhibit No. 3). She corrected Schedule 5 of Staff Exhibit No. 3, indicating that the minimum charge amounts had been rounded incorrectly, i.e., the Staff-recommended minimum charges are \$7.30 for a 5/8-inch meter; \$10.95 for a 3/4-inch meter (no change); \$18.25 for a 1-inch meter; \$36.50 for a 1.5-inch meter; \$58.40 for a 2-inch meter; \$109.50 for a 3-inch meter; \$182.50 for a 4-inch meter; and \$365.00 for a 6-inch meter. (Tr., pp. 156-157; Staff Exhibit No. 3; see also a corrected Schedule 5 of Staff Exhibit No. 3 filed on November 1, 1996, after the hearing).

Ms. Calvert opined that, while the revenue requirement proposed by Romney was not substantially more than the revenue requirement recommended by Commission Staff, the Class Cost of Service Study indicates that the rate design for Romney's rates should be modified substantially. She clarified that the July 15, 1996 rate ordinance increased the resale rate by about 144%, from \$1.022 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.49 per 1,000 gallons, and Commission Staff agrees with this proposed rate component. Romney's existing tariff contains two rate blocks, i.e., monthly usage up to 50,000 gallons (\$1.90 per 1,000 gallons) and all monthly usage above 50,000 gallons (\$1.55 per 1,000 gallons), while the July 15, 1996 rate ordinance would create three rate blocks, i.e., monthly usage up to 5,000 gallons (\$4.75 per 1,000 gallons), monthly usage for the next 45,000 gallons (\$3.52 per 1,000 gallons) and monthly usage above 50,000 gallons (\$2.87 per 1,000 gallons). However, the Staff-recommended rate design supported by the Class Cost of Service Study would utilize only one general rate block (\$3.65 per 1,000 gallons) in addition to the resale rate. She opined that the Staff-recommended rates would generate sufficient revenue to cover Romney's O&M

expenses, debt service requirements and a reasonable cash flow surplus, and the Staff-recommended rate design would reasonably and fairly place the financial burden upon each customer class according to the engineering allocation factors recommended by Commission Staff. (Tr., pp. 157-159).

Ms. Calvert opined that Romney had underestimated by about \$4,000 the amount of revenues that the Staff-recommended rates would generate from fire protection service. (Tr., pp. 159-161). She opined that the Staff-recommended rates would generate a 108% increase in operating revenues, while the July 15, 1996 rate ordinance would increase operating revenues by about 119%. (Tr., pp. 161-162). Ms. Calvert opined that the Staff-recommended flat-rate structure, rather than the multi-tiered rate block structure utilized by Romney's July 15, 1996 rate ordinance, would benefit water customers who used smaller amounts of water more than it would larger users. A customer using 4,500 gallons per month would incur a \$21.38 water bill under the July 15, 1996 rate ordinance, while that same customer would incur a \$16.43 water bill under the Staff-recommended rates. (Tr., pp. 162-164).

The first Protestant to testify was John Dan Sitar, a member of the Hampshire County Commission. Mr. Sitar opposed the proposed rate hike on behalf of the Hampshire County Commission and himself. (Tr., pp. 165-166).

The next Protestant who testified was Dale Overmyer. He opposed the proposed rate hike on his own behalf and on behalf of the Hampshire County Special Services Center, a sheltered workshop for retarded and disabled adults. He believed that an increase in water rates would automatically result in increased sewer rates. He voiced distrust for Romney officials. (Tr., pp. 166-169).

The next witness who testified on behalf of the Protestants was John Chiles, the business manager for the West Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (D&B School). He indicated that the proposed rate hike would increase D&B School's water bills by \$12,000 to \$15,000, which he termed a significant item in D&B School's budget, and he opposed any increase. He believes that a cheaper alternative to the \$4,200,000 project exists. (Tr., pp. 169-171).

The next Protestant to testify was Dot Calvert. She and her husband own two car washes, one on the Romney system and the other on the District's system. These two car washes use over 1,000,000 gallons of water per year. She opined that the proposed rate increase would significantly and adversely affect her family's business ventures. (Tr., pp. 172-173).

Sandra Wright, an administrator for the Hampshire Health Care Center (Center), next testified on behalf of the Protestants. Ms. Wright opined that the rate increase would adversely affect the Center and that it would harm senior citizens in Hampshire County. (Tr., pp. 173-174).

The next Protestant to testify was Betty Weaver. Ms. Weaver questioned the advisability of the proposed route of the transmission line. She wanted Romney to install a new water main on her street as part of the proposed project. She opined that Romney should repair leaks in its existing distribution system. She also opined that installing a new tank would

increase the water pressure on Romney's old distribution mains, and s believed that these old lines would not withstand this increased water pressure. (Tr., pp. 174-176).

Ann Hill, who operates a laundromat and who was represented by legal counsel, did not testify. However, the ALJ received two exhibits into evidence on Ann Hill's behalf. Ann Hill Exhibit No. 1 comprises a group of letters opposing the rate hike. Ann Hill Exhibit No. 2 comprises two letters written by Ms. Hill. These letters indicate that Ms. Hill operates a laundromat using approximately 80,000 gallons of water per month, with an average water (and sewer) bill of \$534 per month before any rate increase. She opined that she could not continue to operate the laundromat if Romney increases its water rates. She also opined that she would not be able to sell her business to anyone because no one would want to purchase business property located in an area with such high water rates. She explained that, if she increases her laundromat rates to offset the increased water rates, her customers will not be able to afford to use the laundromat because over 75% of them are on welfare. (Ann Hill Exhibit Nos. 1 and 2).

The next witness to testify on behalf of the Protestants was Betty Messick. Ms. Messick is a senior citizen on a fixed income. She disputed earlier testimony that the average income in Hampshire County is \$17,000, i.e., she believes it is much lower than that. Ms. Messick works for Ann Hill at the laundromat, and she corroborated the material contained in Ann Hill Exhibit No. 2. Ms. Messick characterized herself as "a lot younger than some of the senior citizens", but she sympathizes with their plight, and she opposes any rate increase. She opined that a much smaller (and cheaper) project would be more appropriate for Romney to tackle. (Tr., pp. 185-187).

The next Protestant to testify was Earl Glenn. Mr. Glenn emphasized that, although sewer rates are not the subject of the instant case, the fact that sewer rates in Romney jumped 250% a little over a year ago magnifies or amplifies the impact of the proposed water rate increase. Also, Romney recently increased its trash hauling rates. He opined that many citizens would not be able to pay their new water bill. He stated that the average resident of Romney is either "a senior citizen, getting there or on welfare." He lamented that Hampshire County has no natural gas service, leaving its citizenry to heat with electricity, wood, coal or oil. He opined that this scenario, combined with the proposed water rate hike, will stifle any projected business and/or population growth for Hampshire County. (Tr., pp. 188-192).

Bernard Peel next testified on behalf of the Protestants. He opined that the proposed project was much too large for Romney and the general Hampshire County area. He stated that he had drunk the water supplied by Romney for many years, and it had never affected his good health. He advocated that Romney explore less expensive alternatives than the proposed project. (Tr., pp. 192-194).

The next Protestant to testify was Reba Smith, a Romney resident since 1940. She appreciates having public water service, and having to do without public water service for about a week during the recent flood has made her appreciate public water service even more. She voiced her willingness to

pay a little more for uninterrupted public water service to be made possible by the proposed project if all customers have to pay their fair share. In particular, she questioned whether the District's customers would have to pay their fair share for the proposed project. (Tr., pp. 194-197).

Bonnie Long was the next Protestant to testify. Ms. Long questioned whether Romney was using the SCB grant for anything besides the proposed water project. (Tr., pp. 197-200).

The final Protestant to testify was Fran Taylor Branch. Although Ms. Branch does not reside in Romney or Hampshire County, she testified on behalf of her 91-year old mother who was not able to attend the hearing. She opposed the proposed rate increase. (Tr., pp. 200-201).

### DISCUSSION

The ALJ has considered all of the above, and, though some of the customers served by Romney's water system (including those served indirectly through the District's water system) may find it difficult to afford to pay their water bills in the future, the ALJ holds that public convenience and necessity require the proposed project. Romney's water treatment facilities, dating back to 1928, have long since out-lived their useful lives, have served their purpose and now must be replaced. Not only are these water treatment facilities old and worn out, they also have been flooded three times during the past eleven years, including twice in 1996, and Romney's existing water treatment facilities are prone to future flooding. During the most recent flood, just weeks prior to the hearing, Romney's customers had to do without public water service for a week. Even during normal times, the quality and quantity of Romney's water supply are questionable at best. Romney qualifies for financial assistance to build the proposed project, including grants totalling \$1,288,000 and a low-interest loan in the amount of \$2,900,000, and the ALJ believes that now is the time for Romney to replace its water treatment facilities, including adding the proposed storage capacity to correct flow problems and to facilitate expansion of public water service in Hampshire County.

Many customers expressed deep concern that Romney might be undertaking a project far too large and complex for a community the size of Romney and greater Hampshire County, fearing that high water rates would stifle economic development and population growth in the area. While the ALJ shares some of this concern in principle and sympathizes with Romney's customers, the ALJ observes that, with the proposed financial package secured by Romney, the resultant rates necessary to meet the increased O&M expenses and the increased debt service requirements are not exceptionally high when compared to water rates in many other West Virginia communities. The ALJ believes that at least some of the customers' concerns are unfounded since they incorrectly believed that increasing the water rates automatically would increase sewer (and possibly trash) rates also. The only rates which will be increased by this consolidated proceeding will be water rates for Romney's residential, commercial, industrial and resale customers. This is no consolation to Romney's customers, whose rates will increase by an average of 107%, but the truth is, Romney's customers have been enjoying artificially low rates for quite some time due to the

longevity of Romney's existing treatment facilities, i.e., these facilities probably should have been replaced long ago, perhaps soon after the 1985 flood.

Commission Staff has recommended granting the certificate and approving the funding necessary to build the project, provided that the ALJ approves rates sufficient to cover the additional O&M expenses and the additional debt service requirements related to constructing and operating the proposed project. Although Romney strenuously argued through its witnesses and counsel that the Staff-recommended revenue requirement would not be sufficient to cover the additional O&M expenses and debt service requirements which will be created by the proposed project, the ALJ simply is not persuaded by Romney's position. A thorough and careful examination of the Staff-recommended revenue requirement convinces the ALJ that it does indeed provide sufficient coverage for the increased O&M expenses and debt service requirements related to the project. The ALJ will approve the Staff-recommended revenue requirement, rates and rate design, and, having done this, the ALJ holds that these rates will be sufficient to support the proposed project. Again, the ALJ is not persuaded by Romney's argument that the rate increase should take effect immediately. Romney demonstrated no need for a rate increase except to pay for the increased O&M expenses and debt service requirements once the project begins operating, and, for this reason, these new rates shall not become effective until Romney has demonstrated to the satisfaction of Commission Staff that the proposed project has been substantially completed. Since the Staff-recommended rates are sufficient, and since public convenience and necessity require the proposed project, the ALJ will grant the application. Also, the ALJ will approve the proposed financing for the project in an amount not to exceed \$4,188,000, to be provided by a \$750,000 SCB grant, a \$538,000 IC grant and a \$2,900,000 FHA loan. Finally, the ALJ will direct Romney to seek prior Commission approval before commencing construction of the project should the scope or the financing of the project change for any reason.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The City of Romney filed a duly verified application with the Commission, pursuant to Code §24-2-11, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to improve its water treatment system in Romney, Hampshire County, by constructing a new water treatment plant, a 500,000-gallon water storage tank and a new transmission line connecting the treatment plant and tank to its existing water distribution system, and for approval of financing related to providing these services. (See, Application, filed April 18, 1996 in Case No. 96-0446-W-CN).

2. Romney adopted an ordinance increasing its rates and charges to provide water service to its customers inside and outside its corporate boundaries, to become effective August 19, 1996, and, in response to a petition filed by the Central Hampshire Public Service District and pursuant to Code §24-2-4b, the Commission invoked its jurisdiction over the municipal appeal. (See, Rate Ordinance adopted July 15, 1996; Commission Order Invoking Jurisdiction, Suspending Rates and Referring Proceeding, entered August 21, 1996, in Case No. 96-1002-W-MA).

3. Romney published the Notice of Filing as directed on April 24, 1996, in the Hampshire Review, a newspaper published and generally circulated in Hampshire County, West Virginia, thereby providing a 30-day protest period. No one filed a protest to the certificate case. (See, publication affidavit filed April 27, 1996).

4. Romney's existing water treatment facilities comprise one treatment plant built in 1928 and another one placed in service in 1968. Both of these facilities, which lie in a flood plain, have been flooded three times during the past eleven years. The most-recent flood, occurring in September 1996, caused Romney's customers to do without public water service for one week. (See, Testimony of Garry Buckbee, Tr., pp. 10-12, 16-17).

5. The proposed water treatment facility will be located well above the flood plain and will replace the two old, worn-out treatment plants. (See, Testimony of Garry Buckbee, Tr., pp. 10-12; Andrew Blenko, Tr., pp. 39-40).

6. The Health Department has recommended completely replacing Romney's existing treatment facilities, which failed a recent Health Department sanitary survey in every category. (See, Testimony of Garry Buckbee, Tr., pp. 12-13).

7. Romney estimates that the proposed project will cost approximately \$4,188,000, to be funded with a \$750,000 SCB grant, a \$538,000 IC grant and a \$2,900,000 FHA loan with an approximate 5.2% interest rate for 40 years. (See, Testimony of Garry Buckbee, Tr., pp. 14-15, 21-23).

8. Romney passed the July 15, 1996 rate ordinance to cover the additional O&M expenses and the additional debt service requirements related to the proposed project. (See, Testimony of Garry Buckbee, Tr., pp. 14-15).

9. Romney estimates that Hampshire County's population will increase to 18,000 by the year 2000, with about 2,200 people residing within Romney's corporation limits, and the proposed project has been designed to accommodate this growth. (See, Testimony of Garry Buckbee, Tr., pp. 15-16, 28-29).

10. Romney explored several alternatives to the proposed project, but Romney's engineers have advised that the proposed project is the most efficient and cost-effective route to follow. (See, Testimony of Garry Buckbee, Tr., pp. 19-21; Andrew Blenko, Tr., pp. 32-35).

11. Romney has sought funding for the proposed project from every source known to it, including FEMA. (See, Testimony of Garry Buckbee, Tr., pp. 21-23).

12. Romney has estimated that its revenue requirement will be approximately \$466,000 once the proposed project is operational. (See, Testimony of Andrew Blenko, Tr., pp. 32-35).

13. Romney followed AWWA guidelines to design the rates contained in its ordinance, but it also increased its highest rate block from \$4.38 to \$4.75 per 1,000 gallons because it believed that its minimum rate for one

year had to equal or exceed 1.5% of Hampshire County's average annual income of \$17,000 in order to qualify for the IC grant. (See, Testimony of Andrew Blenko, Tr., pp. 32-35).

14. Romney has no reserve funds available to assist with the proposed project or to make emergency repairs. (See, Testimony of Andrew Blenko, Tr., pp. 37-39).

15. The proposed new treatment plant, which will be automated and able to handle a wider range of raw water qualities, will meet Health Department and other State and Federal water quality standards. (See, Testimony of Andrew Blenko, Tr., pp. 29-41, 46).

16. By locating the proposed new water storage tank at roughly the same elevation as the existing tank, Romney will be able to keep water pressure constant while increasing the rate of water flow, thereby enhancing fire protection service and enabling Romney to supply the water necessary for population growth and economic expansion in Hampshire County. The new treatment plant also will have a greater treatment capacity than Romney's two existing treatment facilities combined. (See, Testimony of Andrew Blenko, Tr., pp. 40-43, 46, 48-53).

17. Romney estimates that it can commence construction of the proposed project during the spring of 1997, and the project will take 12 to 18 months to complete. (See, Testimony of Andrew Blenko, Tr., pp. 43-45).

18. Romney's proposed project has been characterized by its design engineer as the "most bare bones" project his engineering firm ever has designed, and it has been designed to keep the cost as low as possible. (See, Testimony of Andrew Blenko, Tr., p. 67).

19. Romney agrees with Commission Staff's O&M expense requirement estimate. (See, Testimony of Kenneth W. Dyche, Tr., pp. 99-102).

20. One factor that Romney considered when designing the proposed treatment plant and storage tank was the fact that the District has prefiled a certificate application to enlarge its service territory. (See, Testimony of Kenneth W. Dyche, Tr., pp. 102-104).

21. Romney's proposed revenue requirement would allow for a 38-year amortization term rather than the 40-year term utilized by Commission Staff. (See, Testimony of Kenneth W. Dyche, Tr., pp. 110-113; Sterling E. Bare, Tr., pp. 122-126).

22. Commission Staff opined that Romney's revenue requirement after the project becomes operational will be approximately \$448,335, including a cash flow surplus of \$5,191 (after making the \$17,361 annual payment into the bond reserve account) with a debt service coverage ratio of 113%, contrasted to the July 15, 1996 rate ordinance which would provide a 126% debt service coverage ratio. (See, Testimony of Sterling E. Bare, Tr., pp. 115-119).

23. Commission Staff recommended that the certificate application not be approved unless rates also are approved which will cover the additional

D&M expenses and debt service requirements related to the project. By the same token, increased rates should not be approved unless the certificate is granted, and these rates should not become effective until the project is substantially completed. (See, Testimony of Sterling E. Bare, Tr., pp. 119-121; James E. Spurlock, Tr., pp. 138-141; Staff Exhibit No. 4).

24. Health Services has approved the proposed water treatment and storage project by issuing Permit No. 12,657. (See, Testimony of James E. Spurlock, Tr., pp. 139-141; Staff Exhibit No. 4).

25. One substantial going-level adjustment made by Commission Staff, in the amount of \$13,147, was for a non-recurring expense reimbursed by FEMA. (See, Testimony of Sterling E. Bare, Tr., pp. 121-122).

26. Commission Staff also adjusted the expense item of operation labor by \$28,588 to cover additional costs that will be incurred once Romney begins operating the new treatment plant. (See, Testimony of Sterling E. Bare, Tr., pp. 130-131).

27. The 1.5% of average income guideline used by the IC to determine eligibility for grant money, which has been reduced to 1%, is neither mandatory nor is it to be used to determine actual rates. (See, Testimony of Sterling E. Bare, Tr., pp. 131-135).

28. Nothing in Romney's certificate application nor the Staff-recommended rates would preclude Romney from receiving the IC grant. (See, Testimony of Sterling E. Bare, Tr., pp. 131-135).

29. Commission Staff has recommended granting the certificate application and approving the proposed financing for the project. (See, Testimony of James E. Spurlock, Tr., pp. 138-141; Staff Exhibit No. 4).

30. Commission Staff developed engineering allocation factors to allocate the customer cost, the commodity cost, the maximum hour demand and the maximum day demand to each customer class for use with the class cost of service study to design the Staff-recommended rates and rate structure. (See, Testimony of James E. Spurlock, Tr., pp. 138-145).

31. The engineering plans and specifications do not conflict with State law or commission policy. (See, Testimony of James E. Spurlock, Tr., pp. 145-147; Staff Exhibit No. 4).

32. Romney cannot continue to provide public water service with its existing treatment plants for the foreseeable future, and replacing the existing plants is a more reasonable and cost-effective alternative than trying to continue to repair them. (See, Testimony of James E. Spurlock, Tr., pp. 148-149; Staff Exhibit No. 4).

33. Commission Staff, utilizing the Staff-recommended engineering allocation factors and the Staff-recommended revenue requirement, performed a customer class cost of service study in order to design the Staff-recommended rates and rate structure. (See, Testimony of Diane Davis Calvert, Tr., pp. 154-157; Staff Exhibit Nos. 1, 2 and 3; corrected Schedule 5 of Staff Exhibit No. 3 filed on November 1, 1996).

34. The customer class cost of service study performed by Commission Staff would support only one general rate block, with a rate of \$3.65 per 1,000 gallons, plus a resale rate of \$2.49 per 1,000 gallons. (See, Testimony of Diane Davis Calvert, Tr., pp. 154-159; Staff Exhibit No.3; corrected Schedule 5 of Staff Exhibit No. 3 filed on November 1, 1996).

35. The Staff-recommended rates would increase Romney's annual operating revenues by \$231,790, or 107.9%, while the July 15, 1996 rate ordinance would increase Romney's annual operating revenues by \$254,629, or 118.6%. (See, Testimony of Diane Davis Calvert, Tr., pp. 157-159; Staff Exhibit No. 3).

36. Romney underestimated by about \$4,000 the amount of annual revenues that would be generated by fire protection service under the Staff-recommended rates. (See, Testimony of Diane Davis Calvert, Tr., pp. 159-161).

37. The Staff-recommended flat-rate structure would benefit low water users, e.g., a customer using 4,500 gallons of water per month would incur a \$16.43 water bill under the Staff-recommended rates, while that same customer would incur a \$21.38 water bill under the July 15, 1996 rate ordinance. (See, Testimony of Diane Davis Calvert, Tr., pp. 162-164).

38. The Protestants voiced concerns that Romney was proposing too large of a project; that the resulting rates would be too high for low income families; that local businesses, such as laundromats and car washes, would be driven out of business; that no new businesses would locate in Hampshire County because of the high water rates; that the population of Hampshire County would not continue to grow or would decrease as a result of the high water rates; that increasing the water rates would automatically increase the sewer and/or trash rates; that one large local employer, the D&B School, would incur huge financial losses due to the rate increase; and other similar concerns. (See, Testimony of John Dan Sitar, Tr., pp. 165-166; Dale Overmyer, Tr., pp. 166-169; John Chiles, Tr., pp. 169-171; Dot Calvert; Tr., pp., 172-173; Sandra Wright, Tr., pp. 173-174; Betty Weaver, Tr., pp. 174-176; Ann Hill Exhibit Nos. 1 and 2; Betty Messick, Tr., pp. 185-187; Earl Glenn, Tr., pp. 188-192; Bernard Peel, Tr., pp. 192-194; Reba Smith, Tr., pp. 194-197; Bonnie Long, Tr., pp. 197-200; and Fran Taylor Branch, Tr., pp. 200-201).

39. Romney filed a publication affidavit indicating that the Notice of Hearing had been published as directed on October 2, 1996, and on October 9, 1996, in the Hampshire Review, a newspaper published and generally circulated in the City of Romney, Hampshire County, West Virginia. (See, Publication Affidavit, filed by facsimile transmission on November 20, 1996).

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. For all of the reasons set forth in Finding of Fact Nos. 4, 5, 6, 9, 15, 16, 21, 24, 29 and 32, it is reasonable to conclude that public convenience and necessity require the proposed project, and it is reasonable to grant the application.

2. For all of the reasons set forth in Finding of Fact Nos. 7 and 29, it is reasonable to approve the proposed financing for the project in an amount not to exceed \$4,188,000, to be funded with a \$750,000 SCB grant, a \$538,000 IC grant and a \$2,900,000 FHA loan, bearing interest at an annual rate not to exceed 5.2% for a term of 40 years.

3. For all of the reasons set forth in Finding of Fact Nos. 14, 19, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 39, it is reasonable to reject the July 15, 1996 rate ordinance and approve the Staff-recommended revenue requirement, rate structure and rates for all service rendered by Romney once Romney has substantially completed the project approved in Case No. 96-0446-W-CN to the satisfaction of Commission Staff.

4. For all of the reasons set forth in Conclusion of Law Nos. 1, 2 and 3, it is reasonable to conclude that, while the customers who testified at the hearing have voiced many legitimate and serious concerns about the proposed project and the resultant rate hike and have contributed much to the decision in this consolidated case, these genuine concerns, while not taken lightly by the ALJ, are outweighed by the overwhelming need to replace Romney's flood-prone, seriously old and worn out water treatment facilities and to adopt rates which will permit Romney to cover the increased O&M expenses and debt service requirements related to the proposed project.

5. Should the scope of the proposed project or the proposed financing change for any reason, it is reasonable to direct Romney to obtain separate Commission approval prior to commencing construction of the project.

#### ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the duly verified application filed with the Commission on April 18, 1996, by the City of Romney, pursuant to Code §24-2-11, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to improve its water treatment system in Romney, Hampshire County, by constructing a new water treatment plant, a 500,000-gallon water storage tank and a new transmission line connecting the treatment plant and tank to its existing water distribution system, designated by the Commission as Case No. 96-0446-W-CN, be, and it hereby is, granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the proposed financing for the proposed project in an amount not to exceed \$4,188,000, to be funded with a \$750,000 SCB grant, a \$538,000 IC grant and a \$2,900,000 FHA loan with an annual interest rate not to exceed 5.2% for a term not to exceed 40 years, be, and it hereby is, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, should the scope of the proposed project or the proposed financing change for any reason, Romney shall first obtain separate Commission approval prior to commencing construction of the proposed project.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the rate ordinance passed by Romney on July 15, 1996, to provide public water service to its customers, be, and it hereby is, rejected.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Staff-recommended revenue requirements attached hereto as Appendix A, providing for a cash flow surplus of \$5,191 and a 113% debt service coverage ratio, be, and it hereby is, approved, for Romney's water operation for all service rendered after Romney's project in Case No. 96-0446-W-CN has been substantially completed to the satisfaction of Commission Staff.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Staff-recommended rate structure and the Staff-recommended rates and charges, attached hereto as Appendix B, be, and they hereby are, approved, for all water service rendered by Romney after the proposed project in Case No. 96-0446-W-CN has been substantially completed to the satisfaction of Commission Staff.

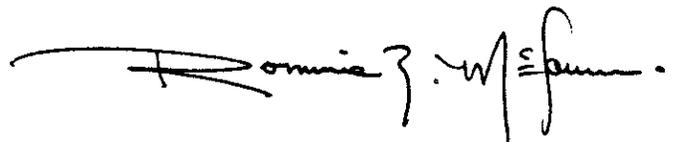
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Romney shall file with the Commission, within ten (10) days of implementing the rates hereby approved, a proper tariff setting forth the rates and charges hereby approved.

The Executive Secretary hereby is ordered to serve a copy of this order upon the Commission by hand delivery, and upon all parties of record by United States Certified Mail, return receipt requested.

Leave hereby is granted to the parties to file written exceptions supported by a brief with the Executive Secretary of the Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date this order is mailed. If exceptions are filed, the parties filing exceptions shall certify to the Executive Secretary that all parties of record have been served said exceptions.

If no exceptions are so filed this order shall become the order of the Commission, without further action or order, five (5) days following the expiration of the aforesaid fifteen (15) day time period, unless it is ordered stayed or postponed by the Commission.

Any party may request waiver of the right to file exceptions to an Administrative Law Judge's order by filing an appropriate petition in writing with the Executive Secretary. No such waiver will be effective until approved by order of the Commission, nor shall any such waiver operate to make any Administrative Law Judge's Order or Decision the order of the Commission sooner than five (5) days after approval of such waiver by the Commission.



RONNIE Z. McCANN  
Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge

RZM:s

CITY OF ROMNEY  
APPROVED REVENUE REQUIREMENT  
CASE NO. 96-1002-W-MA

Available Cash:

Operating Income	\$446,574
Other Income	<u>\$ 1,761</u>
Total Available Cash	<u>\$448,335</u>

Cash Requirements:

Operating Expenses	\$243,528
Other Taxes	<u>\$ 8,648</u>
Total Cash Requirements Before Debt Service	<u>\$252,176</u>

Cash Available for Debt Service (A)

\$196,159

Debt Service Requirements:

Interest Expense	\$151,729
Principal Requirement	<u>\$ 21,878</u>
Subtotal (B)	<u>\$173,607</u>

Reserve Requirement

\$ 17,361

Total Debt Service

\$190,968

Surplus

\$ 5,191

Percent Of Coverage (A/B)

112.99%

CITY OF ROMNEY  
APPROVED RATES AND CHARGES  
CASE NO. 96-1002-W-MA

Applicability in entire territory served.

AVAILABILITY

Available for residential, commercial, industrial and sales for resale.

RATES

General Customers: \$ 3.65 per thousand gallons used per month  
Resale Customers: \$ 2.49 per thousand gallons used per month  
Leak Adjustment: \$ 0.46 per thousand gallons

MINIMUM CHARGE

5/8 inch meter	\$ 7.30
3/4 inch meter	\$ 10.95
1 inch meter	\$ 18.25
1.5 inch meter	\$ 36.50
2 inch meter	\$ 58.40
3 inch meter	\$109.50
4 inch meter	\$182.50
6 inch meter	\$365.00

DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above tariff is net. On all current usage billings not paid within twenty (20) days, ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

RECONNECTION CHARGE

\$ 20.00

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION

\$900.00 PER YEAR

PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION

\$900.00 per year for service from a new hydrant  
\$ 52.00 per year for service from an existing hydrant

TAP FEES

\$350.00

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CHARLESTON**

At a session of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA in the City of Charleston on the 14th day of August, 1997.

Case No. 96-0446-W-CN  
CITY OF ROMNEY

Petition to reopen application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to make improvements to its water system at Romney, Hampshire County, and for approval of financing thereto.

**COMMISSION ORDER**

By Recommended Decision which became a final order of the Commission on December 11, 1996, the Commission granted the City of Romney a certificate of convenience and necessity to make improvements to its water system. In that Order, the Commission additionally approved financing for the project in an amount not to exceed \$4,188,000.

On July 10, 1997, the City filed a petition to reopen its certificate proceeding for approval of additional financing to cover a significant construction bid overrun resulting in a funding shortfall of \$1,424,038.

On July 22, 1997, Commission Staff filed its Initial and Final Joint Staff Memorandum noting that additional funding has been committed by the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (Infrastructure Council) through a loan of \$1,424,038 at 0% interest for 38 years. Staff noted that the Infrastructure Council required that the debt service payment on the loan will be required to be increased by a ratio that will correspond to the growth in the service territory of the Central Hampshire PSD, which is a resale customer of the City. This term is designed to ease the rate impact on the District. Staff additionally noted that the City has passed an ordinance increasing customers' rates by 14% in order to cover the additional debt service of \$41,222 per annum for the Infrastructure Loan. The protest period for the new ordinance expired on August 13, 1997. Staff noted that there is a limited time between the last day that bids for construction may be accepted and the effective date of the ordinance's rates. Accordingly, Staff recommended that the Commission approve the revised project's financing on August 14, 1997.



### DISCUSSION

As no protests to the new municipal rate ordinance have been received, and based on Staff's recommendations, the City's petition to reopen this certificate case for approval of revised financing should be granted and the proposed financing approved.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. By Recommended Decision which became a final order of the Commission on December 11, 1996, the Commission granted the City of Romney a certificate of convenience and necessity to make improvements to its water system and approved financing for the project in an amount not to exceed \$4,188,000.

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### CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. As no protests to the new municipal rate ordinance have been received, and based on Staff's recommendations, the City's petition to reopen this certificate case for approval of revised financing should be granted and the proposed financing approved.

### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the petition to reopen this certificate proceeding for the approval of revised financing is hereby

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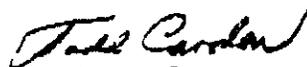
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granted and the proposed financing in the form of a loan from the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council in the amount of \$1,424,038 at 0% interest for 38 years, is hereby approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should the scope of the project or the financing change again for any reason, Romney shall first obtain separate Commission approval prior to commencing construction of the project.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission's Executive Secretary shall serve a copy of this order on all parties of record by First Class United States Mail, upon Commission Staff by hand delivery, and on the City of Romney and the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council by telefax.

A True Copy, Teste:

  
Todd Carden  
Executive Secretary

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1201 DUNBAR AVENUE  
DUNBAR, WV 25064  
Telephone (304) 558-3612  
Telecopier (304) 558-0299

June 9, 1995

Mr. Duane Miller  
Region VIII Planning and Development Council  
P.O. Box 849  
Petersburg WV 26847

WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE AND JOBS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL PRELIMINARY APPLICATION -  
CITY OF ROMNEY (WATER PROJECT)

The West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (the "Council") reviewed the preliminary application for the above-referenced project and determined that the project is technically feasible within the guidelines of the Act (see attached Water Assessment Committee's comments). The Council's Funding Committee has determined that funding from local, state and federal agencies is not adequate to ensure reasonable user rates for the system and that Infrastructure Fund financial assistance may be needed.

A test case has been filed in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County questioning the constitutionality of the Infrastructure Improvement Amendment. Until this matter has been resolved and the Infrastructure General Obligation Bonds have been approved by the State Supreme Court of Appeals, the Governor cannot issue the bonds. The Council cannot predict if or when the Infrastructure General Obligation Bonds will be issued, and therefore, when moneys will be available in the Infrastructure Fund. Notwithstanding these circumstances, the Council recommends that the City of Romney seek a Small Cities Block Grant of \$750,000 and Rural Economic and Community Development Funding of \$2,900,000 to secure the conventional funding portions needed for this project.

If, after considering how this delay will affect your project, you believe that you must try to proceed without financial assistance from the Council, please notify Daniel B. Yonkosky, Director of the Water Development Authority, at the above address.

*Daniel B. Yonkosky*  
for RUSSELL L. ISAACS - CHAIRMAN

Attachments

c Fred Cutlip, West Virginia Development Office  
Robert Lewis, Rural Economic and Community Development

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CITY OF ROMNEY

Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture)

RECEIPT FOR SERIES 1997 A BONDS AND TRANSCRIPTS

The undersigned, duly authorized representative of the United States Department of Agriculture, for and on behalf of the United States of America (the "Purchaser"), hereby certifies as follows:

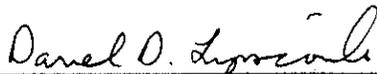
1. On the 25th day of August, 1997, at Romney, West Virginia, the undersigned received for the Purchaser the City of Romney Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 A, No. AR-1 (the "Series 1997 A Bonds"), issued as a single, fully registered Bond, in the principal amount of \$2,900,000, dated the date hereof, bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum, payable in monthly installments as stated in the Bond.

2. At the time of such receipt, the Series 1997 A Bonds had been executed and sealed by the designated officials of the City of Romney (the "Issuer").

3. At the time of such receipt, there was paid to the Issuer the sum of \$145,000, being a portion of the principal amount of the Series 1997 A Bonds. The balance of the principal amount of the Series 1997 A Bonds will be advanced by the Purchaser to the Issuer as acquisition and construction of the Project progresses.

4. At the time of such receipt, the undersigned also received three sets of bond transcript documents.

WITNESS my signature on this 25th day of August, 1997.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative

08/01/97  
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CITY OF ROMNEY

Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund)

CROSS-RECEIPT FOR SERIES 1997 B BONDS AND BOND PROCEEDS

The undersigned authorized representative of the West Virginia Water Development Authority (the "Authority"), for and on behalf of the Authority, and the undersigned Mayor of the City of Romney (the "Issuer"), for and on behalf of the Issuer, hereby certify as follows:

1. On the 25th day of August, 1997, the Authority received the City of Romney Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund), issued in the principal amount of \$1,424,038, as a single, fully registered Bond, numbered BR-1 and dated August 25, 1997 (the "Series 1997 B Bonds").

2. At the time of such receipt of the Series 1997 B Bonds upon original issuance, the Series 1997 B Bonds had been executed by the Mayor and the Recorder of the Issuer, by their respective manual signatures, and the official seal of the Issuer had been affixed upon the Series 1997 B Bonds.

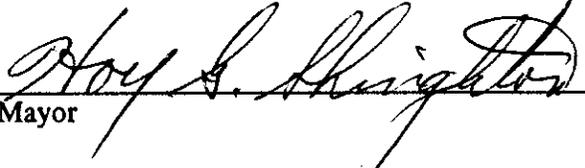
3. The Issuer has received and hereby acknowledges receipt from the Authority, as the original purchaser of the Series 1997 B Bonds, of \$20,293, being a portion of the principal amount of the Series 1997 B Bonds. The balance of the principal amount of the Series 1997 B Bonds will be advanced by the Authority and the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council to the Issuer as acquisition and construction of the Project progresses.

WITNESS our respective signatures on this 25th day of August, 1997.

WEST VIRGINIA WATER DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative

CITY OF ROMNEY

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

08/01/97  
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CITY OF ROMNEY

Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund)

DIRECTION TO AUTHENTICATE AND DELIVER SERIES 1997 B BONDS

One Valley Bank, National Association, as  
Bond Registrar for the Series 1997 B Bonds  
Charleston, West Virginia

Ladies and Gentlemen:

There are delivered to you herewith:

(1) Bond No. BR-1, constituting the entire original issue of the City of Romney Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund), in the principal amount of \$1,424,038, dated August 25, 1997 (the "Series 1997 B Bonds"), executed by the Mayor and Recorder of the City of Romney (the "Issuer") and bearing the official seal of the Issuer, authorized to be issued under and pursuant to a Bond Ordinance duly enacted by the Issuer on August 18, 1997, and a Supplemental Resolution duly adopted by the Issuer on August 21, 1997 (collectively, the "Bond Legislation");

(2) A copy of the Bond Legislation authorizing the above-described Bond issue, duly certified by the Recorder of the Issuer;

(3) Executed counterparts of the loan agreement dated August 25, 1997 (the "Loan Agreement"), by and between the Issuer and the West Virginia Water Development Authority (the "Authority"), on behalf of the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (the "Council"); and

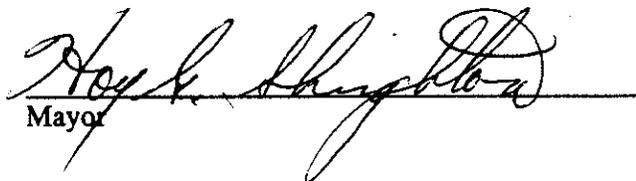
(4) An executed opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel regarding the validity of the Loan Agreement and the Series 1997 B Bonds.

You are hereby requested and authorized to deliver the Series 1997 B Bonds to the Authority upon payment to the Issuer of the sum of \$20,293, representing a portion of the principal amount of the Series 1997 B Bonds. Prior to such delivery of the Series 1997 B

Bonds, you will please cause the Series 1997 B Bonds to be authenticated and registered by an authorized officer, as Bond Registrar for the Series 1997 B Bonds, in accordance with the form of Certificate of Authentication and Registration thereon.

Dated this 25th day of August, 1997.

CITY OF ROMNEY

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

08/01/97  
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(SPECIMEN SERIES 1997 A BOND)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CITY OF ROMNEY  
WATER REVENUE BOND, SERIES 1997 A  
(UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE)

No. AR-1

Date: August 25, 1997

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the CITY OF ROMNEY (the "Borrower") promises to pay to the order of the United States of America (the "Government"), or its registered assigns, at its National Finance Office, St. Louis, Missouri 63103, or at such other place as the Government may hereafter designate in writing, the principal sum of TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,900,000), plus interest on the unpaid principal balance at the rate of 5% per annum. The said principal and interest shall be paid in the following installments on the following dates: Monthly installments of interest only, commencing 30 days following delivery of the Bond and continuing on the corresponding day of each month for the first 24 months after the date hereof, and \$14,239, covering principal and interest, thereafter on said corresponding day of each month, except that the final installment shall be paid at the end of 40 years from the date of this Bond in the sum of the unpaid principal and interest due on the date thereof, and except that prepayments may be made as provided hereinbelow. The consideration herefor shall support any agreement modifying the foregoing schedule of payments.

If the total amount of the loan is not advanced at the time of loan closing, the loan shall be advanced to Borrower as requested by Borrower and approved by the Government and interest shall accrue on the amount of each advance from its actual date as shown on the Record of Advances attached hereto as a part hereof.

Every payment made on any indebtedness evidenced by this Bond shall be applied first to interest computed to the effective date of the payment and then to principal.

Prepayments of scheduled installments, or any portion thereof, may be made at any time at the option of Borrower. Refunds and extra payments, as defined in the regulations of the Government according to the source of funds involved, shall, after payment of interest, be applied to the installments last to become due under this Bond and shall not affect the obligation of Borrower to pay the remaining installments as scheduled herein.

If the Government at any time assigns this Bond and insures the payment thereof, Borrower shall continue to make payments to the Government as collection agent for the holder.

While this Bond is held by an insured lender, prepayments as above authorized made by Borrower may, at the option of the Government, be remitted by the Government to the holder promptly or, except for final payment, be retained by the Government and remitted to the holder on either a calendar quarter basis or an annual installment due date basis. The effective date of every payment made by Borrower, except payments retained and remitted by the Government on an annual installment due date basis, shall be the date of the United States Treasury check by which the Government remits the payment to the holder. The effective date of any prepayment retained and remitted by the Government to the holder on an annual installment due date basis shall be the date of the prepayment by Borrower and the Government will pay the interest to which the holder is entitled accruing between the effective date of any such prepayment and the date of the Treasury check to the holder.

Any amount advanced or expended by the Government for the collection hereof or to preserve or protect any security herefor, or otherwise under the terms of any security or other instrument executed in connection with the loan evidenced hereby, at the option of the Government shall become a part of and bear interest at the same rate as the principal of the debt evidenced hereby and be immediately due and payable by Borrower to the Government without demand. Borrower agrees to use the loan evidenced hereby solely for purposes authorized by the Government.

Borrower hereby certifies that it is unable to obtain sufficient credit elsewhere to finance its actual needs at reasonable rates and terms, taking into consideration prevailing private and cooperative rates and terms in or near its community for loans for similar purposes and periods of time.

This Bond, together with any additional bonds ranking on a parity herewith which may be issued and outstanding for the purpose of providing funds for financing costs of additions, betterments and improvements to the waterworks system (the "System") of Borrower, is payable solely from the gross revenues to be derived from the operation of the System in the manner provided in the hereinafter defined Ordinance. This Bond does not in any manner constitute an indebtedness of Borrower within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision or limitation.

Registration of this Bond is transferable by the registered owner hereof in person or by his, her or its attorney duly authorized in writing, at the office of Borrower, as Bond Registrar, but only in the manner, subject to the limitations and upon payment of the charges, if any, provided in the Ordinance and upon surrender and cancellation of this Bond. Upon such transfer a new Bond or Bonds, of authorized denomination or denominations, for the like principal amount, will be issued to the transferee in exchange herefor.

This Bond, under the provisions of the Act, is and has all the qualities and incidents of a negotiable instrument under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of West Virginia, but may only be transferred by transfer of registration hereof with the Bond Registrar.

This Bond has been issued under and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of West Virginia, including, among others, Chapter 8, Article 19 of the West Virginia Code, as amended (the "Act"), and an Ordinance of the Borrower duly adopted and enacted on August 18, 1997, and a Supplemental Resolution of the Borrower duly adopted on August 21, 1997, authorizing issuance of this Bond (collectively, the "Ordinance").

If at any time it shall appear to the Government that Borrower may be able to obtain a loan from a responsible cooperative or private credit source at reasonable rates and terms for loans for similar purposes and periods of time, Borrower will, at the Government's request, apply for and accept such loan in sufficient amount to repay the Government.

This Bond is given as evidence of a loan to Borrower made or insured by the Government pursuant to the Consolidated Farmers Home Rural Development Act. This Bond shall be subject to the present regulations of the Government and to its future regulations not inconsistent with the express provisions hereof.

**THIS BOND IS ISSUED ON A PARITY WITH RESPECT TO LIENS, PLEDGE AND SOURCE OF AND SECURITY FOR PAYMENT, AND IN ALL RESPECTS, WITH THE ISSUER'S WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 B (WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND), DATED AUGUST 25, 1997, ISSUED CONCURRENTLY HERewith IN THE ORIGINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,424,038 (THE "SERIES 1997 B BONDS").**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Romney has caused this Bond to be executed by its Mayor and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed or imprinted hereon and attested by its Recorder, all as of the date hereinabove written.

CITY OF ROMNEY

[CORPORATE SEAL]

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Mayor

260 School Street  
Romney, West Virginia 26757

ATTEST:

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Recorder



ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned sells, assigns and transfers to\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ the within Bond and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint \_\_\_\_\_, Attorney to transfer the said Bond on the books kept for registration of the within Bond of the said Borrower with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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In presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_



(SPECIMEN SERIES 1997 B BOND)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CITY OF ROMNEY  
WATER REVENUE BOND, SERIES 1997 B  
(WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND)

No. BR-1

\$1,424,038

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the CITY OF ROMNEY, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of West Virginia in Hampshire County of said State (the "Issuer"), for value received, hereby promises to pay, solely from the special funds provided therefor, as hereinafter set forth, to the West Virginia Water Development Authority (the "Authority") or registered assigns the sum of ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$1,424,038), or such lesser amount as shall have been advanced to the Issuer hereunder and not previously repaid, as set forth in the "Record of Advances" attached as EXHIBIT A hereto and incorporated herein by reference, in quarterly installments on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 1998, as set forth on the "Schedule of Annual Debt Service" attached as EXHIBIT B hereto and incorporated herein by reference, with no interest.

Principal installments of this Bond are payable in any coin or currency which, on the respective dates of payment of such installments, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts under the laws of the United States of America, at the office of the West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission, Charleston, West Virginia (the "Paying Agent").

This Bond may be redeemed prior to its stated date of maturity in whole or in part, but only with the express written consent of the Authority and the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (the "Council"), and upon the terms and conditions prescribed by, and otherwise in compliance with, the Loan Agreement by and between the Issuer and the Authority, on behalf of the Council, dated August 25, 1997. In addition to such optional redemption, the Bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption, in part, on the dates and in the amounts set forth in Section 1(B) of the Supplemental Resolution.

This Bond is issued (i) to pay a portion of the costs of acquisition and construction of certain additions, betterments and improvements to the existing public waterworks system of the Issuer (the "Project"); and (ii) to pay certain costs of issuance of the Bonds of this Series (the "Bonds") and related costs. The existing public waterworks system of the Issuer, the Project, and any further additions, betterments or improvements

thereto are herein called the "System." This Bond is issued under the authority of and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of West Virginia, including particularly Chapter 8, Article 19 and Chapter 31, Article 15A of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended (collectively, the "Act"), and a Bond Ordinance duly enacted by the Issuer on August 18, 1997, and a Supplemental Resolution duly adopted by the Issuer on August 21, 1997 (collectively, the "Bond Legislation"), and is subject to all the terms and conditions thereof. The Bond Legislation provides for the issuance of additional bonds under certain conditions, and such bonds would be entitled to be paid and secured equally and ratably from and by the funds and revenues and other security provided for the Bonds under the Bond Legislation.

THIS BOND IS ISSUED ON A PARITY WITH RESPECT TO LIENS, PLEDGE AND SOURCE OF AND SECURITY FOR PAYMENT, AND IN ALL RESPECTS, WITH THE ISSUER'S WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 A (UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE), DATED AUGUST 25, 1997, ISSUED CONCURRENTLY HERewith IN THE ORIGINAL AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,900,000 (THE "SERIES 1997 A BONDS").

This Bond is payable only from and secured by a pledge of the Gross Revenues (as defined in the Bond Legislation) to be derived from the operation of the System, on a parity with the pledge of Gross Revenues in favor of the Holders of the Series 1997 A Bonds, and from moneys in the Reserve Account created under the Bond Legislation for the Bonds (the "Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account"), and unexpended proceeds of the Bonds. Such Gross Revenues shall be sufficient to pay all operating expenses of the System and the principal of and interest on all bonds which may be issued pursuant to the Act and which shall be set aside as a special fund hereby pledged for such purpose. This Bond does not constitute a corporate indebtedness of the Issuer within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provisions or limitations, nor shall the Issuer be obligated to pay the same or the interest, if any, hereon, except from said special fund provided from the Gross Revenues, the moneys in the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account and unexpended proceeds of the Bonds. Pursuant to the Bond Legislation, the Issuer has covenanted and agreed to establish and maintain just and equitable rates and charges for the use of the System and the services rendered thereby, which shall be sufficient, together with other revenues of the System, to provide for the reasonable expenses of operation, repair and maintenance of the System, and to leave a balance each year equal to at least 115% of the maximum amount payable in any year for principal of and interest, if any, on the Bonds, and all other obligations secured by a lien on or payable from such revenues prior to or on a parity with the Bonds, including the Series 1997 A Bonds; provided however, that so long as there exists in the Series 1997 B Bonds Reserve Account an amount at least equal to the maximum amount of principal and interest, if any, which will become due on the Bonds in the then current or any succeeding year, and in the respective reserve accounts established for any other obligations outstanding prior to or on a parity with the Bonds, including the Series 1997 A Bonds, an amount at least equal to the requirement therefor, such percentage may be reduced to 110%. The Issuer has entered into certain further covenants with the registered owners of the Bonds for the terms of which reference is made to the Bond Legislation. Remedies provided the registered

owners of the Bonds are exclusively as provided in the Bond Legislation, to which reference is here made for a detailed description thereof.

Subject to the registration requirements set forth herein, this Bond is transferable, as provided in the Bond Legislation, only upon the books of One Valley Bank, National Association, Charleston, West Virginia, as registrar (the "Registrar"), by the registered owner, or by its attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this Bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by the registered owner or its attorney duly authorized in writing.

Subject to the registration requirements set forth herein, this Bond, under the provision of the Act is, and has all the qualities and incidents of, a negotiable instrument under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of West Virginia.

All money received from the sale of this Bond, after reimbursement and repayment of all amounts advanced for preliminary expenses as provided by law and the Bond Legislation, shall be applied solely to payment of the costs of the Project and costs of issuance hereof described in the Bond Legislation, and there shall be and hereby is created and granted a lien upon such moneys, until so applied, in favor of the registered owner of this Bond.

In accordance with the requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture for the issuance of parity obligations, the Bonds will be in default should any proceeds of the Bonds be used for a purpose that will contribute to excessive erosion of highly erodible land or to the conversion of wetlands to produce an agricultural commodity.

**IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, RECITED AND DECLARED** that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, happen and be performed precedent to and at the issuance of this Bond do exist, have happened, and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by law, and that the amount of this Bond, together with all other obligations of the Issuer, does not exceed any limit prescribed by the Constitution or statutes of the State of West Virginia and that a sufficient amount of the Gross Revenues of the System has been pledged to and will be set aside into said special fund by the Issuer for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on this Bond.

All provisions of the Bond Legislation, resolutions and statutes under which this Bond is issued shall be deemed to be a part of the contract evidenced by this Bond to the same extent as if written fully herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the CITY OF ROMNEY has caused this Bond to be signed by its Mayor, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by its Recorder, and has caused this Bond to be dated August 25, 1997.

[SEAL]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recorder

**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION AND REGISTRATION**

This Bond is one of the Series 1997 B Bonds described in the within-mentioned Bond Legislation and has been duly registered in the name of the registered owner set forth above, as of the date set forth below.

Date: August 25, 1997.

ONE VALLEY BANK,  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
as Registrar

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Authorized Officer



EXHIBIT B

SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE

City of Rooney, West Virginia  
Infrastructure Fund Loan of \$1,424,038  
40 Years, 0% Interest

DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Principal	Coupon	Total P+I
9/01/1998	.	.	.
12/01/1998	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
3/01/1999	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
6/01/1999	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
9/01/1999	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
12/01/1999	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
3/01/2000	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
6/01/2000	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
9/01/2000	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
12/01/2000	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
3/01/2001	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
6/01/2001	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
9/01/2001	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
12/01/2001	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
3/01/2002	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
6/01/2002	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
9/01/2002	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
12/01/2002	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
3/01/2003	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
6/01/2003	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
9/01/2003	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
12/01/2003	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
3/01/2004	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
6/01/2004	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
9/01/2004	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
12/01/2004	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
3/01/2005	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
6/01/2005	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
9/01/2005	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
12/01/2005	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
3/01/2006	9,187.35	.	9,187.35
6/01/2006	9,187.34	.	9,187.34
9/01/2006	9,187.34	.	9,187.34
12/01/2006	9,187.34	.	9,187.34
3/01/2007	9,187.34	.	9,187.34
6/01/2007	9,187.34	.	9,187.34
9/01/2007	9,187.34	.	9,187.34
12/01/2007	9,187.34	.	9,187.34
3/01/2008	9,187.34	.	9,187.34
6/01/2008	9,187.34	.	9,187.34
9/01/2008	9,187.34	.	9,187.34
12/01/2008	9,187.34	.	9,187.34
3/01/2009	9,187.34	.	9,187.34
6/01/2009	9,187.34	.	9,187.34
9/01/2009	9,187.34	.	9,187.34

City of Romney, West Virginia  
 Infrastructure Fund Loan of \$1,424,038  
 40 Years, 0% Interest

DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Principal	Coupon	Total P+I
12/01/2009	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2010	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2010	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2010	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2010	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2011	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2011	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2011	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2011	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2012	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2012	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2012	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2012	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2013	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2013	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2013	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2013	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2014	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2014	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2014	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2014	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2015	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2015	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2015	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2015	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2016	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2016	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2016	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2016	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2017	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2017	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2017	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2017	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2018	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2018	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2018	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2018	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2019	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2019	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2019	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2019	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2020	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2020	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2020	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2020	9,187.34	-	9,187.34

City of Romney, West Virginia  
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DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Principal	Coupon	Total P+I
3/01/2021	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2021	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2021	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2021	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2022	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2022	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2022	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2022	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2023	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2023	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2023	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2023	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2024	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2024	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2024	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2024	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2025	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2025	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2025	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2025	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2026	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2026	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2026	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2026	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2027	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2027	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2027	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2027	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2028	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2028	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2028	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2028	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2029	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2029	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2029	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2029	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2030	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2030	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2030	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2030	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2031	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2031	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2031	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2031	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2032	9,187.34	-	9,187.34

City of Romney, West Virginia  
 Infrastructure Fund Loan of \$1,424,038  
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DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Principal	Coupon	Total P+I
6/01/2032	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2032	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2032	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2033	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2033	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2033	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2033	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2034	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2034	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2034	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
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9/01/2035	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2035	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2036	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2036	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
9/01/2036	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
12/01/2036	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
3/01/2037	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
6/01/2037	9,187.34	-	9,187.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,424,038.00	-	1,424,038.00

YIELD STATISTICS

Bond Year Dollars.....	\$27,768.74
Average Life.....	19.500 Years
Average Coupon.....	.
Net Interest Cost (NIC).....	-
True Interest Cost (TIC).....	0.0000000%
Bond Yield for Arbitrage Purposes.....	0.0000000%
All Inclusive Cost (AIC).....	0.0000000%
IRS FORM 8038	
Net Interest Cost.....	-
Weighted Average Maturity.....	19.500 Years

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned sells, assigns, and transfers unto  
\_\_\_\_\_  
the within Bond and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint  
\_\_\_\_\_, Attorney to transfer the said Bond  
on the books kept for registration of the within Bond of the said Issuer with full power of  
substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

In the presence of:

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City of Romney  
Romney, West Virginia

United States Department of  
Agriculture  
Morgantown, West Virginia

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as bond counsel in connection with the issuance by the City of Romney, in Hampshire County, West Virginia (the "Issuer"), of its \$2,900,000 Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 A, dated the date hereof (the "Bonds"), pursuant to Chapter 8, Article 19 of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended (the "Act"), a Bond Ordinance duly enacted by the Issuer on August 18, 1997, and a Supplemental Resolution duly adopted by the Issuer on August 21, 1997 (collectively, the "Bond Legislation"). We have examined the law and such certified copies of proceedings and other papers as we deem necessary to render this opinion.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon the representations of the Issuer contained in the Bond Legislation and in the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion, under existing law, as follows:

1. The Issuer is a duly created and presently existing municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of West Virginia, with full power and authority to adopt and enact the Bond Legislation, perform the agreements on its part contained therein and issue and sell the Bonds, all under the Act and other applicable provisions of law.

2. The Bond Legislation has been duly and effectively adopted and enacted by the Issuer and constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Issuer enforceable upon the Issuer.

3. Pursuant to the Act, the Bond Legislation creates a valid lien on the Gross Revenues pledged by the Bond Legislation for the security of the Bonds on a parity with the Issuer's Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund), issued concurrently herewith in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,424,038, subject to no other prior lien granted under the Act.

4. The Bonds have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Issuer and are valid and binding special obligations of the Issuer, payable solely from the sources provided therefor in the Bond Legislation.

5. The Bonds have not been issued on the basis that the interest thereon is or will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes; therefore, the interest on the Bonds is not excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. We express no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

6. The Bonds are, under the Act, exempt from all taxation by the State of West Virginia or any county, municipality or county commission, political subdivision or agency thereof, and interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal and corporate net income taxes imposed directly thereon by the State of West Virginia.

It is to be understood that the rights of the holders of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds, the Bond Legislation and the liens and pledges set forth therein may be subject to and limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted to the extent constitutionally applicable and that the enforcement thereof may also be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.

Very truly yours,

*Stephane & Johnson*

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City of Romney  
Romney, West Virginia

West Virginia Water Development  
Authority  
Dunbar, West Virginia

West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs  
Development Council  
Charleston, West Virginia

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as bond counsel in connection with the issuance by the City of Romney (the "Issuer"), a municipal corporation and political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of West Virginia, of its \$1,424,038 Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund), dated the date hereof (the "Bonds").

We have examined the law and certified copies of proceedings and other papers relating to the authorization of a loan agreement dated August 25, 1997, including all schedules and exhibits attached thereto (the "Loan Agreement"), by and between the Issuer and the West Virginia Water Development Authority (the "Authority"), on behalf of the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (the "Council"), and the Bonds, which are to be purchased by the Authority in accordance with the provisions of the Loan Agreement. The Bonds are originally issued in the form of one bond, registered as to principal only to the Authority, bearing no interest, with principal installments payable quarterly on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 1998, and ending June 1, 2037, all as set forth in "Schedule Y" attached to the Loan Agreement and incorporated in and made a part of the Bonds.

The Bonds are issued under the authority of and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of West Virginia, including particularly, Chapter 8, Article 19 and Chapter 31, Article 15A of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended (collectively, the "Act"), for the purposes of (i) paying a portion of the costs of acquisition and construction of certain additions, betterments and improvements to the existing public waterworks system of the Issuer (the "Project"); and (ii) and paying certain costs of issuance and related costs.

We have also examined the applicable provisions of the Act, the Bond Ordinance duly enacted by the Issuer on August 18, 1997, as supplemented by a Supplemental Resolution duly adopted by the Issuer on August 21, 1997 (collectively, the "Bond Legislation"), pursuant to and under which Act and Bond Legislation the Bonds are authorized and issued, and the Loan Agreement has been entered into. The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity to the extent, at the time, under the conditions and subject to the limitations set forth in the Bond Legislation and the Loan Agreement.

Based upon the foregoing, and upon our examination of such other documents as we have deemed necessary, we are of the opinion, under existing law, as follows:

1. The Issuer is a duly created and validly existing municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of West Virginia, with full power and authority to acquire and construct the Project, to operate and maintain the System referred to in the Loan Agreement and to issue and sell the Bonds, all under the Act and other applicable provisions of law.
2. The Loan Agreement has been duly authorized by and executed on behalf of the Issuer, is a valid and binding special obligation of the Issuer enforceable in accordance with the terms thereof, and inures to the benefit of the Authority and the Council and cannot be amended so as to affect adversely the rights of the Authority and the Council or diminish the obligations of the Issuer without the written consent of the Authority and the Council.
3. The Bond Legislation and all other necessary ordinances and resolutions have been duly and effectively enacted and adopted by the Issuer and constitute valid and binding obligations of the Issuer enforceable upon the Issuer in accordance with their terms. The Bond Legislation contains provisions and covenants substantially in the form of those set forth in Section 4.1 of the Loan Agreement.
4. The Bonds have been duly authorized, issued, executed and delivered by the Issuer to the Authority and are valid, legally enforceable and binding special obligations of the Issuer, payable from the Gross Revenues of the System referred to in the Bond Legislation and secured by a first lien on and pledge of the Gross Revenues of the System, on a parity with respect to the liens, pledge of and source of and security for payment with the Issuer's Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997-A (United States Department of Agriculture), issued concurrently herewith in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,900,000.
5. The Bonds are, under the Act, exempt from all taxation by the State of West Virginia or any county, municipality or county commission, political subdivision or agency thereof, and the interest

on the Bonds is exempt from personal and corporate net income taxes imposed directly thereon by the State of West Virginia.

6. The Bonds have not been issued on the basis that the interest, if any, thereon is or will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes; therefore, the interest, if any, on the Bonds is not excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. We express no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

It is to be understood that the rights of the holders of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds, the Loan Agreement and the Bond Legislation, and the liens and pledges therein, may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted to the extent constitutionally applicable and that their enforcement may also be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.

We have examined the executed and authenticated Bond numbered BR-1, and in our opinion the form of said bond and its execution and authentication are regular and proper.

Very truly yours,

*Stephoe & Johnson*

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August 25, 1997

City of Romney  
Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture)

City of Romney  
Romney, West Virginia

United States Department  
of Agriculture  
Morgantown, West Virginia

Steptoe & Johnson  
Clarksburg, West Virginia

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are counsel to the City of Romney, a municipal corporation in Hampshire County, West Virginia (the "Issuer"). As such counsel, we have examined copies of the approving opinion of Steptoe & Johnson, as bond counsel, a Bond Ordinance duly enacted by the Issuer on August 18, 1997, and a Supplemental Resolution duly adopted by the Issuer on August 21, 1997 (collectively, the "Bond Legislation"), other documents and papers relating to the Issuer and the above-captioned Bonds of the Issuer (the "Bonds"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings set forth in the Bond Legislation when used herein.

We are of the opinion that:

1. The Issuer is a duly created and validly existing municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of West Virginia.
2. The Mayor, Recorder and members of the Council of the Issuer have been duly, lawfully and properly elected or appointed, as applicable, have taken the requisite oaths, and are authorized to act in their respective capacities on behalf of the Issuer.
3. The Bond Legislation has been duly adopted and enacted by the Issuer and is in full force and effect.
4. The execution and delivery of the Bonds and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Bonds and the Bond Legislation, and the carrying out of the terms thereof, do not and will not, in any material respect, conflict with or constitute, on the part of the Issuer, a breach of or default

under any agreement, document or instrument to which the Issuer is a party or by which the Issuer or its properties are bound or any existing law, regulation, rule, order or decree to which the Issuer is subject.

5. All permits, licenses, approvals, consents, certificates, orders, exemptions and authorizations necessary for the issuance of the Bonds, the acquisition and construction of the Project, the operation of the System and the imposition of rates and charges have been entered and/or received, including, without limitation, all requisite orders, certificates, consents and approvals from the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council and the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, and the Issuer has duly taken any other action required for the imposition of such rates and charges, including, without limitation, the enactment of an ordinance prescribing such rates and charges, the time for appeal of which has expired prior to the date hereof without appeal.

6. To the best of our knowledge, there is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation at law or in equity before or by any court, public board or body, pending or threatened, wherein an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding would adversely affect the transactions contemplated by the Bonds and the Bond Legislation, the acquisition and construction of the Project, the operation of the System, the validity of the Bonds or the collection or pledge of the Gross Revenues therefor.

All counsel to this transaction may rely upon this opinion as if specifically addressed to them.

Very truly yours,



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Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund)

City of Romney  
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West Virginia Infrastructure  
and Jobs Development Council  
Charleston, West Virginia

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are counsel to the City of Romney, a municipal corporation in Hampshire County, West Virginia (the "Issuer"). As such counsel, we have examined copies of the approving opinion of Steptoe & Johnson, as bond counsel, a loan agreement dated August 25, 1997, including all schedules and exhibits attached thereto (the "Loan Agreement"), by and between the Issuer and the West Virginia Water Development Authority (the "Authority"), on behalf of the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council, a Bond Ordinance duly enacted by the Issuer on August 18, 1997, and a Supplemental Resolution duly adopted by the Issuer on August 21, 1997 (collectively, the "Bond Legislation"), and other documents relating to the above-captioned Bonds of the Issuer (the "Bonds"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings set forth in the Bond Legislation and the Loan Agreement when used herein.

We are of the opinion that:

1. The Issuer has been duly created and is validly existing as a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of West Virginia, and the Mayor, Recorder and members of the Council of the Issuer have been duly and properly elected or appointed, as applicable, have taken the requisite oaths, and are authorized to act on behalf of the Issuer in their respective capacities.

2. The Bond Legislation has been duly adopted and enacted by the Issuer and is in full force and effect.

3. The Loan Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Issuer and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Authority, constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Issuer enforceable in accordance with its terms.

4. The execution and delivery of the Bonds and the Loan Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Bonds, the Loan Agreement and the Bond Legislation, and the carrying out of the terms thereof, do not and will not, in any material respect, conflict with or constitute, on the part of the Issuer, a breach of or default under any ordinance, resolution, agreement or other instrument to which the Issuer is a party or any existing law, regulation, court order or consent decree to which the Issuer is subject.

5. The Issuer has received all permits, licenses, approvals, exemptions, consents, registrations, certificates and authorizations required by law for the issuance of the Bonds, the acquisition and construction of the Project, the operation of the System and the imposition of rates and charges for use of the System, including without limitation the receipt of the approvals from the Council and the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, and has taken any other action required for the imposition of such rates and charges, including, without limitation, the enactment of an ordinance prescribing such rates and charges. The time for appeal of such rate ordinance has expired prior to the date hereof without any appeal. The Issuer has received the Final Orders of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia entered on November 21, 1996, in Case No. 96-0446-W-CN, and on August 14, 1997, in Case No. 96-0446-W-CN (Reopened), among other things, granting to the Issuer a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Project and approving the financing for the Project. The time for appeal of the latter Final Order has not expired prior to the date hereof. However, the parties to such Final Order have stated that they will not appeal such Final Order. Such Final Order is not subject to any appeal, further hearing, reopening or rehearing by any customer, protestant, intervenor or other person not a party to the original application.

6. To the best of our knowledge, there is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation at law or in equity before or by any court, public board or body, pending or threatened, wherein an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding would adversely affect the transactions contemplated by the Loan Agreement, the Bond Legislation, the acquisition and construction of the Project, the operation of the System, the validity of the Bonds or the collection or pledge of the Gross Revenues therefor.

All counsel to this transaction may rely upon this opinion as if specifically addressed to them.

Very truly yours,

  
MORELAND and MORELAND

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CITY OF ROMNEY

Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture)

COMBINED CERTIFICATE OF ISSUER AND ATTORNEY ON:

1. AUTHORIZATION AND AWARD OF BONDS
2. NO LITIGATION
3. GOVERNMENTAL APPROVALS
4. PUBLICATION AND NO PROTEST
5. NO ADVERSE FINANCIAL CHANGE; INDEBTEDNESS
6. SIGNATURES, ETC.
7. CERTIFICATION OF COPIES OF DOCUMENTS
8. INCUMBENCY AND OFFICIAL NAME, ETC.
9. DELIVERY AND PAYMENT AND USE OF PROCEEDS
10. LAND AND RIGHTS OF WAY
11. MEETINGS; PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICES, ETC.
12. CONTRACTORS' INSURANCE, ETC.
13. CONNECTIONS, ETC.
14. MANAGEMENT
15. GRANTS
16. RATE FILING WITH PSC

We, the undersigned MAYOR and RECORDER of the City of Romney, in Hampshire County, West Virginia (the "Issuer"), and the undersigned COUNSEL to the Issuer, acting for the Issuer and in its name, hereby state and certify in connection with the City of Romney Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture), No. AR-1, fully registered, dated the date hereof, in the principal amount of \$2,900,000, and bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum (the "Bonds"), as follows:

1. AUTHORIZATION AND AWARD OF BONDS: The undersigned are authorized to execute this certificate on behalf of the Issuer and are knowledgeable with respect to the matters set forth herein. The entire issue of the Bonds has been duly awarded to the United States of America, acting by the United States Department of Agriculture (the "Purchaser"), pursuant to a Letter of Conditions from the Purchaser, as amended, and as appears in the Bond Ordinance duly enacted on August 18, 1997, and the Supplemental Resolution duly adopted on August 21, 1997, authorizing issuance of the Bonds (collectively, the "Ordinance"). All capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Ordinance when used herein. The Bonds are being issued on this date to permanently finance a portion of the costs of acquisition and construction of the Project, located within the boundaries of the Issuer.

2. **NO LITIGATION:** No controversy or litigation of any nature is now pending, or, to the knowledge of any of the undersigned, threatened, restraining, enjoining or affecting the issuance and delivery of the Bonds or receipt of any grant moneys committed for the Project; nor questioning the proceedings and authority by which the Issuer authorized the issuance and sale of the Bonds; nor in any way questioning or affecting the validity of the grants committed for the Project or the Bonds, or any provisions made or authorized for the payment thereof, including, without limitation, the pledge or application of any moneys or security therefor; nor questioning the existence, powers or proceedings of the Issuer or the Council of the Issuer (the "Governing Body") or the title of the members and officers thereof to their respective offices; nor questioning the operation of the waterworks system of the Issuer (the waterworks, as improved and expanded by the Project, as defined in the Ordinance, is herein called the "System") or the acquisition and construction of the Project, a portion of the cost of which is being financed in part out of the proceeds of sale of the Bonds; nor questioning the rates and charges provided for services of the System.

3. **GOVERNMENTAL APPROVALS:** All applicable and necessary approvals, permits, authorizations, registrations, exemptions, consents and certificates required by law for the acquisition and construction of the Project, the operation of the System, including, without limitation, the imposition of rates and charges, and the issuance of the Bonds have been duly and timely obtained and remain in full force and effect, the time for appeal of which or rehearing having expired. Competitive bids for the acquisition and construction of the Project have been solicited in accordance with Chapter 5, Article 22, Section 1 of the Official West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended, which bids remain in full force and effect.

4. **PUBLICATION AND NO PROTEST:** Notice of public hearing upon the Ordinance finally adopted and enacted August 18, 1997, was duly published as required by law.

There was not any protest to the passage of the Ordinance, oral or written, and the Ordinance became fully effective on August 18, 1997, following such public hearing, and remains in full force and effect.

5. **NO ADVERSE FINANCIAL CHANGE; INDEBTEDNESS:** There has been no adverse change in the financial condition of the Issuer or the System since the approval by the Purchaser of a loan to assist in acquisition and construction of the Project.

There are to be issued contemporaneously with the issuance of the Bonds, the Issuer's Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund) (the "Series 1997 B Bonds"), dated the date hereof. The Bonds and the Series 1997 B Bonds shall be issued on a parity with each other. Other than the Series 1997 B Bonds, there are no outstanding bonds, obligations or other indebtedness of the Issuer which will rank prior to or on a parity with the Bonds as to liens, pledge and source of and security for payment.

6. **SIGNATURES, ETC.:** The undersigned Mayor and Recorder did, for the Issuer on the date hereof, officially execute and seal the Bonds, consisting upon original issuance of a single bond, numbered AR-1, with the official corporate seal of the Issuer, an impression of which seal is on this certificate above our signatures and said officers are the duly elected, qualified and serving officers as indicated by the official titles opposite their signatures below, and are duly authorized to execute and seal the Bonds for the Issuer.

7. **CERTIFICATION OF COPIES OF DOCUMENTS:** The copies of the below-listed documents hereto attached or delivered herewith or heretofore delivered are true, correct and complete copies of the originals of the documents of which they purport to be copies, and such original documents are in full force and effect and have not been repealed, rescinded, amended, supplemented or changed in any way unless modification appears from later documents also listed below.

**Bond Ordinance**

**Supplemental Resolution**

**USDA Letter of Conditions, with all amendments**

**Infrastructure Council Loan Agreement**

**Public Service Commission Orders**

**Infrastructure Council Approval**

**City Charter**

**Oaths of Office of Councilmembers and Officers**

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Ordinance and Notice of Public Hearing**

**Minutes on Adoption and Enactment of Bond  
Ordinance and Adoption of Supplemental Resolution**

Evidence of Small Cities Block Grant

Evidence of Infrastructure Council Grant

8. **INCUMBENCY AND OFFICIAL NAME, ETC.:** The proper corporate title of the Issuer is "City of Romney." The Issuer is a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of West Virginia in Hampshire County of said State. The governing body of the Issuer is its Council, consisting of a Mayor, a Recorder and 6 councilmembers, all duly elected, qualified and acting, whose names and dates of commencement and termination of current terms of office are as follows:

<u>Name</u>		<u>Date of Commencement of Office</u>	<u>Date of Termination of Office</u>	
Mayor	-	Hoy G. Shingleton, Sr.	July 1, 1997	June 30, 1999
Recorder	-	Ilyff Kathleen Maphis	July 1, 1996	June 30, 1998
Councilmember	-	Erino Leone	July 1, 1997	June 30, 1999
Councilmember	-	John Watson	July 1, 1997	June 30, 1999
Councilmember	-	Kenneth Voit	July 1, 1997	June 30, 1999
Councilmember	-	William Carlile	July 1, 1996	June 30, 1998
Councilmember	-	Alice Rebecca Rowzee	July 1, 1996	June 30, 1998
Councilmember	-	Vacant		

The duly appointed and acting counsel to the Issuer is Moreland & Moreland of Romney, West Virginia.

9. **DELIVERY AND PAYMENT AND USE OF PROCEEDS:** On the date hereof, the Bonds were delivered to the Purchaser at Romney, West Virginia, by the undersigned Mayor for the purposes herein set forth, and at the time of such delivery, the Bonds had been duly and fully executed and sealed on behalf of the Issuer in accordance with the Ordinance.

At the time of delivery of the Bonds, the amount of \$145,000 was received by the undersigned Mayor, being a portion of the principal amount of the Bonds, the balance to be paid as acquisition and construction of the Project progresses.

The Bonds are dated the date hereof and interest thereon at the rate of 5% per annum is payable from the date of each respective advance.

The Bonds and the entire proceeds thereof will be used for the purposes herein set forth and for no other purposes.

10. **LAND AND RIGHTS OF WAY:** All land in fee simple and all rights of way and easements necessary for the acquisition and construction of the Project, the operation and maintenance of the System have been acquired or can and will be acquired by purchase, or, if necessary, by condemnation by the Issuer and are adequate for such purposes and are not or will not be subject to any liens, encumbrances, reservations or exceptions which would adversely affect or interfere in any way with the use thereof for such purposes. The costs thereof, including costs of any properties which may have to be acquired by condemnation, are, in the opinion of all the undersigned, within the ability of the Issuer to pay for the same without jeopardizing the security of or payments on the Bonds.

11. **MEETINGS; PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICES, ETC.:** All actions, ordinances, resolutions, orders and agreements taken by and entered into by or on behalf of the Issuer in any way connected with the acquisition, construction, operation and financing of the Project and the System were authorized, enacted or adopted at regular or special meetings of the Governing Body of the Issuer duly and regularly called and held pursuant to the Charter of the Issuer and any Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body and all applicable statutes, including particularly and without limitation, Chapter 6, Article 9A of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended, and a quorum of duly elected, qualified and acting members of the Governing Body was present and acting at all times during all such meetings. All notices required to be published and/or posted were so published and/or posted.

12. **CONTRACTORS' INSURANCE, ETC.:** All contractors will be required to maintain Workers' Compensation, public liability and property damage insurance, and builder's risk insurance where applicable, in accordance with the Letter of Conditions and Commitment of the Purchaser, as amended, and the Ordinance.

13. **CONNECTIONS, ETC.:** The Issuer has provided evidence that there will be at least 925 bona fide users of the System, upon completion of the Project, in full compliance with the requirements of the Purchaser.

14. **MANAGEMENT:** The Issuer has heretofore delivered to the Purchaser a plan concerning operation and management of the System, which plan was found to be acceptable by the Purchaser.

15. **GRANTS:** As of the date hereof, the grant from the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council in the amount of \$538,000 and the grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Small Cities Block Grant through the State of West Virginia) in the amount of \$750,000 are committed and in full force and effect.

16. **RATE FILING WITH PSC:** Pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 24-2-4b, the Issuer has filed the rates and rules contained in the ordinance or ordinances authorizing such rates and rules with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.

WITNESS our signatures and the official corporate seal of the CITY OF ROMNEY on this 25th day of August, 1997.

[CORPORATE SEAL]

SIGNATURE

OFFICIAL TITLE

Wayne L. Klingbein

Mayor

Shirley M. Maphis

Recorder

Robert J. Mould

Counsel to Issuer

08/19/97  
776910/95001

CITY OF ROMNEY

Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund)

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF ISSUER AND ATTORNEY ON:

1. TERMS
2. NO LITIGATION
3. GOVERNMENTAL APPROVALS AND BIDDING
4. NO ADVERSE FINANCIAL CHANGE; INDEBTEDNESS
5. CERTIFICATION OF COPIES OF DOCUMENTS
6. INCUMBENCY AND OFFICIAL NAME, ETC.
7. LAND AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY
8. MEETINGS, ETC.
9. CONTRACTORS' INSURANCE, ETC.
10. GRANTS
11. LOAN AGREEMENT
12. RATES
13. SIGNATURES AND DELIVERY
14. BOND PROCEEDS
15. PUBLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING ON BOND ORDINANCE
16. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ORDER
17. SPECIMEN BOND
18. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

We, the undersigned MAYOR and RECORDER of the City of Romney, in Hampshire County, West Virginia (the "Issuer"), and the undersigned COUNSEL to the Issuer, hereby certify in connection with the \$1,424,038 Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund), of the Issuer, dated the date hereof (the "Bonds"), as follows:

1. **TERMS:** All capitalized words and terms used in this General Certificate and not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meaning set forth in the Bond Ordinance duly enacted by the Issuer on August 18, 1997, and a Supplemental Resolution duly adopted by the Issuer on August 21, 1997 (collectively, the "Bond Legislation").

2. **NO LITIGATION:** No controversy or litigation of any nature is now pending or threatened, restraining, enjoining or affecting in any manner the issuance, sale or delivery of the Bonds, the acquisition and construction of the Project, the operation of the System, the receipt of any Grant proceeds and the Gross Revenues, or the pledge and security

of the Gross Revenues for the Bonds, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the Bonds or the Grants or any proceedings of the Issuer taken with respect to the issuance or sale of the Bonds, the pledge or application of the Gross Revenues or any other moneys or security provided for the payment of the Bonds or the existence or the powers of the Issuer insofar as they relate to the authorization, sale and issuance of the Bonds, the acquisition and construction of the Project, the operation of the System, the receipt of any Grant proceeds and the Gross Revenues, or the pledge and security of the Gross Revenues for the Bonds.

3. **GOVERNMENTAL APPROVALS AND BIDDING:** All applicable and necessary approvals, permits, exemptions, consents, authorizations, registrations and certificates required by law for the acquisition and construction of the Project, the operation of the System and the issuance of the Bonds have been obtained and remain in full force and effect, and competitive bids for the acquisition and construction of the Project have been solicited in accordance with Chapter 5, Article 22, Section 1 of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended, which bids remain in full force and effect.

4. **NO ADVERSE FINANCIAL CHANGE; INDEBTEDNESS:** There has been no adverse change in the financial condition of the Issuer since the approval and execution and delivery by the Issuer of the Loan Agreement, and the Issuer has met all conditions prescribed in the Loan Agreement entered into by and between the Issuer and the Authority, on behalf of the Council. The Issuer will provide the financial, institutional, legal and managerial capabilities necessary to complete the Project.

There are to be issued contemporaneously with the issuance of the Bonds, the Issuer's Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture) (the "Series 1997 A Bonds"), dated the date hereof. The Bonds and the Series 1997 A Bonds shall be issued on a parity with each other. Other than the Series 1997 A Bonds, there are no outstanding bonds, obligations or other indebtedness of the Issuer which will rank prior to or on a parity with the Bonds as to liens, pledge and source of and security for payment.

5. **CERTIFICATION OF COPIES OF DOCUMENTS:** The copies of the below-listed documents hereto attached or delivered herewith or heretofore delivered are true, correct and complete copies of the originals of the documents of which they purport to be copies, and such original documents are in full force and effect and have not been repealed, rescinded, amended or changed in any way unless modification appears from later documents also listed below:

Bond Ordinance

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Evidence of Small Cities Block Grant

Evidence of Infrastructure Council Grant

6. **INCUMBENCY AND OFFICIAL NAME, ETC.:** The proper corporate name of the Issuer is "City of Romney." The Issuer is a municipal corporation in Hampshire County and presently existing under the laws of, and a political subdivision of, the State of West Virginia. The governing body of the Issuer is its Council, consisting of a Mayor, a Recorder and 6 councilmembers, all duly elected, qualified and acting, whose names and dates of commencement and termination of current terms of office are as follows:

<u>Name</u>		<u>Date of Commencement of Office</u>	<u>Date of Termination of Office</u>
Mayor	- Hoy G. Shingleton, Sr.	July 1, 1997	June 30, 1999
Recorder	- Iliff Kathleen Maphis	July 1, 1996	June 30, 1998
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Councilmember	- William Carlile	July 1, 1996	June 30, 1998
Councilmember	- Alice Rebecca Rowzee	July 1, 1996	June 30, 1998
Councilmember	- Vacant		

The duly appointed and acting counsel to the Issuer is Moreland & Moreland of Romney, West Virginia.

7. **LAND AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY:** All land in fee simple and all rights-of-way and easements necessary for the acquisition and construction of the Project and operation and maintenance of the System have been acquired or can and will be acquired by purchase, or, if necessary, by condemnation by the Issuer and are adequate for such purposes and are not or will not be subject to any liens, encumbrances, reservations or exceptions which would adversely affect or interfere in any way with the use thereof for such purposes. The costs thereof, including costs of any properties which may have to be acquired by condemnation, are, in the opinion of all the undersigned, within the ability of the Issuer to pay for the same without jeopardizing the security of or payments on the Bonds.

8. **MEETINGS, ETC.:** All actions, ordinances, resolutions, orders and agreements taken by and entered into by or on behalf of the Issuer in any way connected with the issuance of the Bonds, the acquisition, construction, operation and financing of the Project or the System were authorized or adopted at regular or special meetings of the Governing Body of the Issuer duly and regularly called and held pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body and all applicable statutes, including Chapter 6, Article 9A of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended, and a quorum of duly elected or appointed, as applicable, qualified and acting members of the Governing Body was present and acting at all times during all such meetings. All notices required to be posted and/or published were so posted and/or published.

9. **CONTRACTORS' INSURANCE, ETC.:** All contractors have been required to maintain Worker's Compensation, public liability and property damage insurance, and builder's risk insurance where applicable, in accordance with the Bond Legislation. All insurance for the System required by the Bond Legislation is in full force and effect.

10. **GRANTS:** As of the date hereof, the grant from the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council in the amount of \$538,000 and the grant from

the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Small Cities Block Grant through the State of West Virginia) in the amount of \$750,000 are committed and in full force and effect.

11. **LOAN AGREEMENT:** As of the date hereof, (i) the representations of the Issuer contained in the Loan Agreement are true and correct in all material respects as if made on the date hereof; (ii) the Loan Agreement does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; (iii) to the best knowledge of the undersigned, no event affecting the Issuer has occurred since the date of the Loan Agreement which should be disclosed for the purpose for which it is to be used or which it is necessary to disclose therein in order to make the statements and information in the Loan Agreement not misleading; and (iv) the Issuer is in compliance with the Loan Agreement.

12. **RATES:** The Issuer has duly enacted a water rate ordinance on July 14, 1997, setting rates and charges for the services of the System. The time for appeal of such rate ordinance has expired prior to the date hereof and such rates will become effective when construction of the Project commences.

13. **SIGNATURES AND DELIVERY:** On the date hereof, the undersigned Mayor did officially sign all of the Bonds, consisting upon original issuance of a single Bond, numbered BR-1, dated the date hereof, by his manual signature, and the undersigned Recorder did officially cause the official seal of the Issuer to be affixed upon said Bonds and to be attested by her manual signature, and the Registrar did officially authenticate and deliver the Bonds to a representative of the Authority as the original purchaser of the Bonds under the Loan Agreement. Said official seal is also impressed above the signatures appearing on this certificate.

14. **BOND PROCEEDS:** On the date hereof, the Issuer received \$20,293 from the Council and the Authority, being more than a de minimis amount of the principal of the Bonds. The balance of the principal amount of the Bonds will be advanced to the Issuer as acquisition and construction of the Project progresses.

15. **PUBLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING ON BOND ORDINANCE:** Upon adoption of the Bond Ordinance, an abstract thereof, determined by the Governing Body to contain sufficient information as to give notice of the contents thereof, was published once each week for 2 successive weeks, with not less than 6 full days between each publication, the first such publication occurring not less than 10 days before the date stated below for the public hearing, in The Hampshire Review, a newspaper published and of general circulation in the City of Romney, together with a notice to all persons concerned, stating that the Bond Ordinance had been adopted and that the Issuer contemplated the issuance of the Bonds described in such Bond Ordinance, stating that any person interested may appear before the Council at the public hearing held at a public meeting of Council on

the 18th day of August, 1997, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council chambers of the City Hall of the City of Romney and present protests, and stating that a certified copy of the Bond Ordinance was on file at the office of the Recorder of the Issuer for review by interested parties during the office hours of the Recorder. At such hearing all objections and suggestions were heard by the Governing Body and the Bond Ordinance became finally adopted, enacted and effective as of the date of such public hearing, and remains in full force and effect.

16. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ORDER: The Issuer has received the Final Orders of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia entered on November 21, 1996, in Case No. 96-0446-W-CN, and on August 14, 1997, in Case No. 96-0446-W-CN (Reopened), among other things, granting to the Issuer a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Project and approving the financing for the Project. The time for appeal of the latter Final Order has not expired prior to the date hereof. However, the parties to such Final Order have stated that they will not appeal such Final Order. The Issuer hereby certifies that it will not appeal such Final Order. Such Final Order is not subject to any appeal, further hearing, reopening or rehearing by any customer, protestant, intervenor or other person not a party to the original application.

17. SPECIMEN BOND: Delivered concurrently herewith is a true and accurate specimen of the Bond.

18. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: No member, officer or employee of the Issuer has a substantial financial interest, direct, indirect or by reason of ownership of stock in any corporation, in any contract with the Issuer or in the sale of any land, materials, supplies or services to the Issuer or to any contractor supplying the Issuer, relating to the Bonds, the Bond Legislation and/or the Project, including, without limitation, with respect to the Depository Bank. For purposes of this paragraph, a "substantial financial interest" shall include, without limitation, an interest amounting to more than 5% of the particular business enterprise or contract.

WITNESS our signatures and the official seal of the CITY OF ROMNEY on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1997.

[CORPORATE SEAL]

SIGNATURE

OFFICIAL TITLE

*Ray S. Shingler*  
*Stitt Maphis*  
*Lethe J. Mould*

Mayor

Recorder

Counsel to Issuer

08/19/97  
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CITY OF ROMNEY

Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture)  
and Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund)

CERTIFICATE OF ENGINEER

I, John L. Schaude, III, Registered Professional Engineer, West Virginia License No. 12008, of Smith Technology Corporation, Consulting Engineers, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, hereby certify as follows:

1. My firm is engineer for the acquisition and construction of certain additions, betterments and improvements to the existing public waterworks system (the "Project") of the City of Romney (the "Issuer"), to be constructed primarily in Hampshire County, West Virginia, which acquisition and construction are being financed in part by proceeds of the above-captioned bonds (the "Bonds") of the Issuer. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meaning set forth in the Bond Ordinance enacted by the Issuer on August 18, 1997, as supplemented by the Supplemental Resolution adopted by the Issuer on August 21, 1997, and the Loan Agreement dated August 25, 1997, by and between the Issuer and the West Virginia Water Development Authority (the "Authority"), on behalf of the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (the "Council").

2. The Bonds are being issued for the purposes of (i) paying a portion of the costs of acquisition and construction of the Project, and (ii) paying costs of issuance and related costs.

3. The undersigned hereby certifies that (i) the Project will be constructed in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and designs prepared by my firm, and as described in the Application submitted to the Council and the Authority, requesting the Authority to purchase the Series 1997 B Bonds (the "Application") and any change orders approved by the Issuer and the Council and approved by all necessary governmental bodies; (ii) the Project is adequate for the purpose for which it was designed and has an estimated useful life of at least 40 years; (iii) the Issuer has received bids for the acquisition and construction of the Project which are in an amount and are otherwise compatible with the plan of financing described in the Application and my firm has ascertained that all contractors have made required provisions for all insurance and payment and performance bonds and such insurance policies or binders and such bonds will be verified by my firm for accuracy; (iv) the Issuer has obtained all permits required by the laws of the State of West Virginia and the United States of America necessary for acquisition and construction of the Project and the operation of the System; (v) the rates and charges for the System as adopted by the Issuer are

sufficient to comply with the provisions of Section 4.1(b) of the Loan Agreement; (vi) the net proceeds of the Bonds, together with the proceeds of grants and other moneys of the Issuer on deposit or to be simultaneously deposited and irrevocably committed therefor, are sufficient to pay the costs of acquisition and construction of the Project as set forth in the Application; and (vii) attached hereto as Exhibit A is the final amended "Schedule B - Total Cost of Project and Sources of Funds" for the Project.

WITNESS my signature and seal on this 25th day of August, 1997.

SMITH TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION

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John L. Schaupe, III, P.E.  
West Virginia License No. 12008



08/14/97  
776910/95001

WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE AND JOBEYE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

SCHEDULE B

City of Romney

Water Treatment Plant #514

FINAL TOTAL COST OF PROJECT, SOURCES OF FUNDED COST OF FINANCING

A. Cost of Project	Reimbursed	Total	SCBG	RUS L	LDGC Loans	LDGC Grant	TOTAL FUNDING	TOTAL COSTS
1. Construction (Based on Actual Bids)		\$4,648,246	\$431,200	\$60,587	\$1,240,258	\$307,051	\$4,648,246	\$4,648,246
Contract 1-05	\$4,504,000		\$481,200	\$2,218,713	\$1,029,484	\$264,484	\$4,004,000	\$4,004,000
Contract 2-05	\$274,813		\$0	\$145,810	\$120,948	\$18,183	\$274,813	\$274,813
Contract 3-05	\$369,433		\$0	\$186,014	\$148,015	\$34,404	\$369,433	\$369,433
2. Technical Services	\$288,845		\$273,760	\$77,223	\$37,900		\$288,845	\$288,845
Engineering Services	\$130,000		\$214,967	\$81,007	\$34,126		\$130,000	\$130,000
Surveying	\$27,900		\$27,900	\$0	\$0		\$27,900	\$27,900
Architectural	\$230,943		\$30,943	\$0	\$0		\$230,943	\$230,943
3. Legal and fiscal	\$10,000			\$8,707	\$3,293		\$10,000	\$10,000
4. Administration	\$45,000		\$45,000		\$0		\$45,000	\$45,000
5. Site and Other Land	\$80,000			\$33,623	\$18,457		\$80,000	\$80,000
6. Equip for B or Other Loan Repayment	\$0						\$0	\$0
7. Interest Financing Costs (Capitalized Interest)	\$22,000		\$0	\$22,000			\$22,000	\$22,000
8. Contingency	\$230,948						\$230,948	\$230,948
9. Total of Lines 1 through 8	\$5,565,038		\$750,000	\$300,899	\$1,457,088	\$638,000	\$5,565,038	\$5,565,038
B. Sources of Funds								
10. Federal Grants		\$730,000						
a. SCBG		\$0						
11. State Grants		\$0						
12. Other Grants		\$0						
13. Any Other Source		\$0						
6. PWS Loans		\$2,900,000						
14. Infrastructure Fund Grant		\$808,000						
15. Total of Lines 10 thru 14		\$4,188,000						
16. Net Proceeds Required from Bond Issue (Line 9 minus Line 15)		\$1,407,038						
C. Cost of Financing								
17. Funded Reserve Account								
18. Other Costs								
19. Bond Council		\$17,000						
19. Total Cost of Financing (Lines 17 & 18)		\$17,000						
20. Sub of Bond Issue (Line 16 & Line 19)		\$1,404,038						
					\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000

GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY  
*Samy C. Spinks*

DATE: August 19, 1997

*David A. Miller*  
 CONSULTING ENGINEER

DATE: August 19, 1997

1. Include the proceeds of any parity of subordinated bond issue to bond for such purpose and attach supporting documentation.
2. Consult with bond counsel and the Council before assuming a fund reserve.
3. For example, fees of arrangers, bond counsel and local counsellor Governmental Agency.



**JOHN C. STONE**  
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August 20, 1997

City of Romney  
Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture)  
and Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund)

United States Department  
of Agriculture  
Morgantown, West Virginia

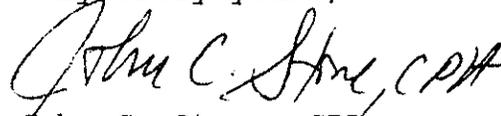
West Virginia Water Development  
Authority  
Dunbar, West Virginia

West Virginia Infrastructure and  
Jobs Development Council  
Charleston, West Virginia

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Based upon the rates and charges set forth in the water rate ordinance of the City of Romney (the "Issuer") enacted July 14, 1997, and projected operation and maintenance expenses and anticipated customer usage as furnished to me by Smith Technology Corporation, Consulting Engineers, it is my opinion that such rates and charges will be sufficient to provide revenues which, together with other revenues of the waterworks system (the "System") of the Issuer, will pay all repair, operation and maintenance expenses of the System and leave a balance each year equal to at least 115% of the maximum amount required in any year for debt service on the Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture) and the Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund).

Very truly yours,

  
John C. Stone, CPA





Chap.217.- AN ACT prescribing the mode of electing trustees for the town of Darksville in the county of berkley, and vesting them with certain corporate powers and of electing trustees of the town of Romney in the County of Hampshire.

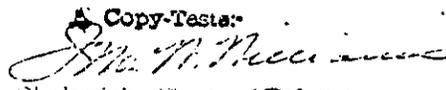
(Passed March 16, 1837.)

\* \* \* \* \* 9. Be it further enacted, That all the free white inhabitants of the town of Romney in the county of Hampshire, shall be a body corporate by the name and style of the town of Romney, with the same powers, under the same rules, and regulations, and subject to the like provisions as are prescribed in the act, entitled "an act to incorporate the town of Weston in Lewis county," except the provisions of the ninth and nineteenth sections thereof. And the said act except the said ninth and nineteenth sections, modified so that wherever the word "Lewis" occurs, the word "Hampshire" shall be substituted, and wherever after the first section of said act the word "trustee" or "trustees" occurs, the word "councilman" or "councilmen" shall be substituted, shall apply to the said town of Romney, and the purposes of this act, as fully and effectually as if the words thereof were herein repeated.

10. Be it further enacted, That the councilmen of said town of Romney, may at any time open and keep or cause to be kept open, the public streets and alleys of said town, and to extend the limits of said town by adding any lands adjoining the same, with the consent of the owners of said lands, and open streets and alleys through the same, provided the limits of said town shall

never exceed one square mile. And the said councilmen may make or cause to be made, a survey and correct plan or plat of said town, showing distinctly each lot, street and alley, and the size and width thereof; which plan and survey so made out, and under the hands and seals of any four of said councilmen, shall be recorded and kept in the clerk's office of the county court of Hampshire, and the same so signed, sealed and recorded, shall in all future suits and contests concerning the boundaries of the lots, streets and alleys of said town, be deemed, held and taken as full and conclusive evidence between the parties: Provided, That infants, femes covert, and persons non compos mentis, or out of the commonwealth, shall have six months after each disability shall be removed to contest such plan and survey so made and recorded.

11. This act shall be in force from the passage thereof.

A Copy-Teste:  
  
Clerk of the House of Delegates  
and of the Senate of Virginia

JAN 14 1884

Chap. 188.- An Act to incorporate the town  
of Weston in Lewis county.

(Passed January 14, 1846.)

4           1.    Be it enacted by the general assembly, That  
all the free white inhabitants of the town of Weston  
in the county of Lewis, shall be a body corporate, by the  
name and style of "The Trustees of Weston," and by that  
name and style they and their successors shall be known  
in law and be capable of suing and being sued, and of  
defending in all suits and in all actions and matters  
whatssoever; and may have and use a common seal, and alter  
and change the same at their pleasure, and by the same name  
shall be capable of holding and conveying any estate, real  
and personal, for the use of said corporation: Provided,  
That such real estate be within the limits of said town.

          2.    Be it further enacted, that on the first  
Monday in May next after the passage of this act, and on  
the first Monday in May in each and every year thereafter,  
4    all the free white male inhabitants of said town, who  
have resided therein for six months prior thereto, and who  
shall be over the age of twenty-one years, shall assemble  
at the court house of Lewis County, in said town, and shall  
-V then and there elect, (by viva voce vote,) seven fit and  
able men, being freeholders and inhabitants of said town,  
and over the age of twenty-one years, to serve as trustees  
of said town, and to continue in office for and during  
the term of one year, and no longer, unless re-elected by  
the inhabitants of said town.

3. Be it further enacted, That all elections of trustees of said town, under this act, shall be conducted by the sheriff of Lewis county, or any of his deputies, who for a failure to perform the duties herein required of him, unless good cause be shown, shall forfeit and pay for the use of said corporation, the sum of one hundred dollars, to be recovered by and in the name of said corporation, upon ten days previous notice, against the said sheriff and his securities, jointly or severally, in any court of record authorized to be held in said county of Lewis. The said sheriff, when an election shall be closed, which shall be (before) sunset of the election day, shall grant certificates of election to the persons elected, which shall be recorded among the proceedings of the trustees of said town. And in case any two or more persons ~~vote~~ in any such election, which have an equal number of votes, and proclamation having been made that the election is about to be closed, and no more voters appearing, the said sheriff or deputy who may be conducting said election shall determine and say which of the persons voted for as aforesaid shall be elected and shall grant certificates of election accordingly. The persons elected trustees of said town, shall, upon pain of forfeiting ten dollars, to be recovered by and in the name of said corporation, before any justice of the peace of the county of Lewis, within fifteen days after they are duly notified of their election, respectively take an oath, or make affirmation before some justice

of the peace of the county of Lewis, or before the county court of the county of Lewis, well and truly, faithfully and impartially to execute and perform the duties of their several offices, according to the best of their skill and judgment; and shall, as soon as practicable and convenient after their election, and as often thereafter as there shall be a vacancy by resignation or otherwise, any four of their number being present, (who shall be a quorum for transacting any business,) proceed to choose out of their whole number, one person to preside at their meetings, to be known and designated by the name of the "President" of the corporation; shall appoint a clerk, either out of their own number, or any inhabitant of said corporation, who shall record the orders and proceedings of the trustees. The said trustees shall also appoint a treasurer, who shall execute a bond with security, payable to the said corporation, in such penalty as the said trustees may fix, conditioned well and truly to pay all orders or drafts drawn upon him by order of the trustees, and faithfully account for and pay all moneys received by him, in virtue of said office; which bond, for any breach of its condition, may be put in suit from time to time.

4. Be it further enacted, That should it so happen that an election of trustees be not made at the time prescribed for an annual election, then such election may be had at any time, upon ten days notice given by any ten or more voters of said town, of the time of election; which notice shall be, by advertisement in writing, stuck up at the front door of the courthouse and taverns in said

town, and actually served on the sheriff or any of his deputies.

5. Be it further enacted, That the presiding trustee, or any two of said trustees, shall have power to summon a meeting of said trustees as often as he or they may think fit. And all questions before a meeting of said trustees shall be decided by a majority of the trustees present, each having one vote, except the person presiding, who shall vote only when the others are equally divided. The said trustees shall be the judges of the election of their own members; and in case of the absence of the president, a presiding officer pro tempore shall be elected; and if any vacancy in the office of trustee shall happen in the interval between elections of trustees by the inhabitants of said town, such vacancy shall be filled by the trustees; ~~and any trustee so elected shall continue in office~~ until a new election of trustees shall be had by the inhabitants of said town. The said trustees shall moreover keep a full and complete record of all their proceedings, and accounts of all moneys by them received and disbursed, for which purposes they shall procure all necessary blank books, well bound; which records and accounts the said trustees or their clerk shall carefully preserve, and from time to time hand over and deliver to their successors, and the same shall at all times be open to the inspection of persons qualified to vote for trustees of said town, or to those whose property is liable to be taxed.

6. Be it further enacted, That the trustees of said town shall from time to time appoint a town marshal or

✓ collector out of the inhabitants of said town, and all other officers thought necessary by the said trustees, for conducting the affairs of said town or for preserving the peace, good order and government thereof; to prescribe the duties of any and all such officers, require them to enter into bonds payable to said corporation, in such penalty and with such security as they may prescribe or approve, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their duties; to remove any such officer at their discretion, and to supply the vacancy occasioned by such removal; and to allow them (except the marshal, whose fees are herein prescribed) such compensation by fees or otherwise, as they may deem reasonable.

7. Be it further enacted, That the said trustees shall also have power and authority to make necessary provisions for preventing accidents by fire, to establish markets, build a market house, and regulate the same; to graduate and pave, or in any other manner improve the streets, walks and alleys of said town; to prevent and punish by reasonable fines the practice of firing guns, or in any manner setting fire to powder, and of running horses in said town; to license and regulate shows and other public exhibitions, and the same to tax to such extent as they may think reasonable and expedient; to prescribe rules for the orderly and regular building of houses and chimneys; to regulate blacksmith's shops, and all other shops considered likely to occasion accidents by fire, and the erection of stoves and stove pipes; to regulate the erection of privies, stables and cow sheds, and prescribe

their location; to regulate butcher stalls and slaughter houses; to remove and abate nuisances at the expense of those who may occasion them; to prohibit hogs and dogs from running at large within the limits of said town; to prevent the exhibition of stud-horses and jackasses in said town; and generally to pass all by-laws and ordinances, not contrary to the laws and constitution of this state, or of the United States, which the said trustees may think necessary and proper for carrying into effect the foregoing powers, or that may hereafter be invested in them, and for regulating the police, preserving the peace, good order and government of said town, and to amend or repeal the same at their pleasure; and to enforce the observance of such by-laws and ordinances, under penalties not exceeding ten dollars for any one offence, to be recovered with costs in the name of the said corporation, before any justice of the peace of said county of Lewis, and applied in aid of the taxes imposed on said town. And for the purpose of carrying into effect all or any of the powers granted to the said trustees of said town, they shall also have power and authority to levy and collect annually a tax on all the tithables and property, real and personal, within the said town, and on such other subjects within the said town as are or may be taxed by the revenue laws of this State, and on dogs belonging to persons residing in said town: Provided, That the tax on real estate shall not exceed in any one year fifty cents on every one hundred dollars value thereof, as assessed under the laws of this

state; that the tax on tithables shall not exceed one dollar on each in any one year; And provided also, That the tax to be imposed on all other property shall not exceed the taxes on like subjects imposed by the revenue laws of this State for the same year.

8. Be it further enacted, That all streets, cross streets and alleys, which are already laid off and opened, or which may at any time be located, surveyed and opened in said town, shall be and they are hereby established as public streets and alleys in the said town.

9. Be it further enacted, That the said trustees shall within six months after the passage of this act, open all the public streets and alleys of said town; shall make or cause to be made a survey and correct plan or plat of said town, shewing distinctly each lot, street, and alley, and the size and width thereof, numbering anew all lots, and shewing the former as well as the new numbers of all lots which have been numbered heretofore, with such remarks and explanations thereon as they may deem necessary and proper; which plan or plat so made out under the hands and seals of any four of said trustees, shall be lodged in the clerk's office of the county court of Lewis County, there to be recorded and kept; and the said plan and survey, so duly made, signed, sealed and recorded, shall, in all future suits and contests concerning the boundaries of the lots, streets and alleys of the said town, be deemed, held and taken as full and conclusive evidence between the parties: Provided, That infants, femes covert, persons non compos mentis, or out of the commonwealth, shall have six months

after such disability shall be removed; within which time they may contest such plan and survey so made and recorded.

10. Be it further enacted, That said trustees shall have power and authority, whenever they deem it expedient, to have the side walks, foot ways and gutters along any street or alley within the said town, as such width as they may prescribe, properly paved, or otherwise suitable improved, and repaired and altered at the proper costs and expense of the owners or occupiers of the lands or lots along the front or sides of which such foot ways, side walks or other improvements extend, and to levy and collect a special tax for that purpose on each of such lots or pieces of land, proportioned to the number of feet to the same fronting on such pavements or other improvement; which special tax shall be collected by the marshal of said corporation as other taxes on real estate within the said town are herein directed to be collected. In all cases where a lessee or tenant shall pay the expense of any such pavement or other improvement along the side or sides of the land or lot by him occupied, and for which land or lot by the contract with his lessor or landlord he shall be bound to pay rent, the amount of any such expense paid by him, or collected from him, or made out of his property, shall be a good and valid offset against so much of the rent due or accruing to his lessor or landlord.

11. Be it further enacted, That all taxes, general or special, assessed upon land or lot within the said town, under this act, are hereby declared to constitute

a lien upon such land or lot in the hands of the owner, or his heirs, devisees, assignees, or any subsequent purchaser or other person claiming the same; and may be collected by the marshal of said town, from such subsequent purchaser, or other person entitled to such land or lot, in like manner as they might have been collected from the original owner or occupier. And if the said marshal shall not have been able with due diligence to collect the said taxes, in manner hereinafter directed, before the first day of November of the year in which the same were assessed, he shall on that day, or at the first meeting of the said trustees thereafter, make return upon oath, before some justice of the peace for Lewis county, of the taxes so uncollected, and the land or lots on which such uncollected taxes are levied, to said trustees; and thereupon the said trustees shall have power and authority to order a sale of such delinquent land or lot or of so much thereof as may be necessary to pay such arrears of taxes, and to defray all proper expenses attending the same, to be rented out unto the same be paid, upon due notice being given of such by advertisement to be stuck up at the front door of the courthouse and the taverns in said town, for two successive court days of the said county of Lewis, before the day of renting the same, describing the lands and lots to be rented; and which renting shall take place in front of the said courthouse on some court day of said county, between the hours of eleven of the morning and four of the evening.

12. Be it further enacted, That in order the better to determine who shall be liable to taxation in the said town under this act, it is hereby declared that all persons liable to taxation as hereinbefore provided, and residing in said town, annually on the first day of February, shall be subject to taxation in the then current year.

13. Be it further enacted, That the town marshal, who shall from time to time be appointed under this act, shall have the like rights of distress, and powers in collecting the taxes and levies made by the trustees of the said town, as sheriffs have in similar cases; and shall be entitled to the same or like fees and commissions for collected said taxes and levies, as are allowed to sheriffs for the collection of county levies; and in the service and return of all process, and the collection of all fines arising under the authority of this act, or of any by-laws made as aforesaid in pursuance hereof, he shall have and possess the same rights and powers, and be entitled to the same or like fees and commissions, as are allowed by law to sheriffs or constables for similar duties or services.

14. Be it further enacted, That the condition of the bonds which the marshal and treasurer of the said town may be required to enter into by the said trustees, under the authority hereinbefore given, shall in addition to the provisions for the faithful discharge of their duties, contain a provision for the payment over to such persons, and in such manner, as the said trustees shall from time

to time order, direct and prescribe, of any and all moneys which may in any manner be collected or received by them, or come into their hands in virtue of their offices or otherwise, for the use and benefit of the said town, and the said marshal and treasurer, or their surties, their executors and administrators, shall respectively be subject to such proceedings by motion or otherwise, before the county Court of the county of Lewis, for enforcing payment of any and all such moneys at the suit of the corporation, or of any person or persons authorized by the trustees of the said town to receive the same, or any part thereof from said marshal or treasurer, as collectors of county levies are by law subject to for enforcing payment of the levies by them collected.

15. Be it further enacted, That the marshal of the said town, upon his entering into bond with the county court of the said county of Lewis, such as constables are required by law to enter into, shall have the right to become a constable for the said county of Lewis, and to act as such in the said town as his district; and upon his ceasing to be marshal of the said town, by removal or otherwise, he shall likewise cease to be constable as aforesaid, unless re-appointed by the said court.

16. Be it further enacted, That all fines, penalties and amercements, and all other moneys received or raised by virtue of this act, or any by-law in pursuance thereof, and all other moneys whatever, which shall at any time, or in any manner, come into the hands of the said trustees, or any other officer of the said town, in virtue of their office,

and not directed to be applied otherwise, shall be at the disposal of the said trustees for the use and benefit of the said town,

17. Be it further enacted, That in all suits or prosecutions arising under any by-law, rule or regulation made by the trustees of the said town, in pursuance of this act, when the constitutionality or validity of any by-law, rule or regulation shall be contested, appeals shall lie from the judgment of any justice of the peace of the said county of Lewis, to the circuit superior court of law and chancery for said county of Lewis, without regard to the sum or amount in controversy. Such appeals shall be taken within the same time, and upon the same terms as are prescribed by law for taking appeals from the judgments of justices of the peace to the several county and corporation courts of this commonwealth; and the said circuit superior court of law and chancery shall try and decide such appeals in the same manner as the several county and corporation courts within the commonwealth are by law directed to try appeals from the judgments of justices of the peace; and the judgments of the said circuit superior courts of law and chancery rendered upon such appeals, shall be executed as other judgments of the said court are executed, except that the process which shall be issued upon such judgments may be directed to the marshal of said town.

18. Be it further enacted, That all copies, purporting to be copies of the by-laws, orders or ordinances of the said town, attested by the clerk of the board of trustees of the same, with the corporate seal attached, and certified

to be correct by the president, or president pro tempore, of the said board, shall be received by all courts and magistrates with the commonwealth as legal evidence.

19. Be it further enacted, That for the purpose of maintaining the police regulations of said town, under the authority of this act, and for no other purpose, the jurisdiction of the corporate authorities thereof, shall be and the same is hereby made to extend one mile beyond the limits of said town.

20. This act shall be in force from the passing thereof.

JAN 14 1904

Copy-Tester  
*Wm. M. Williams*  
Clerk of the House of Delegates  
and Keeper of the Rolls of Virginia

The Romney Municipal Code  
of Administrative Procedures

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

WHEREAS, The City of Romney (the City) has certain powers that must be exercised by the enactment of an ordinance.

WHEREAS, the law of the State of West Virginia requires that the procedures enacting certain said ordinance be in conformity with West Virginia Code Annotated.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ROMNEY DOES HEREBY ADOPT:

The following Administrative Procedures.

SECTION 1

**8-11-3-0 Cases requiring enactment of ordinance.**

In the following enumerated cases, the action of a governing body shall, except where otherwise provided in this code, be by ordinance:

- (1) Levying taxes or providing for the collection of fees of any kind;
- (2) Requiring a license to do business;
- (3) Relating to offenses and penalties;
- (4) Authorizing the issuance of bonds or other forms of indebtedness;
- (5) Providing for a public improvement;
- (6) Providing for the purchase of private property by the municipality or for the sale of property belonging to the municipality;
- (7) Laying out or vacating a public street, avenue, road, alley or way;
- (8) Relating to planning and zoning;
- (9) Granting franchises to public utilities;
- (10) Providing for a contractual or other agreement with another jurisdiction; and
- (11) Relating to such other matters as the charter may require. The action of a governing body shall also be by ordinance in any other case in which an ordinance is required by the provisions of this code. (1937, c. 56; 1969, c.86.)

## SECTION 2

### 8-11-4-0 Ordinance procedures.

(a) Notwithstanding any charter provision to the contrary, which charter provision was in effect on the effective date of this section (July 1, 1969), it shall not be necessary, except where otherwise provided in this code, for the governing body of any municipality to publish in a newspaper any proposed ordinance prior to the adoption thereof or any enacted ordinance subsequent to the adoption thereof, and any and all ordinances of every municipality shall be adopted in accordance with the following requirements, except where different or additional requirements are specified in other provisions of this code, in which event such other different or additional requirements shall be applicable:

- (1) A proposed ordinance shall be read by title at not less than two meetings of the governing body with at least one week intervening between each meeting, unless a member of the governing body demands that the ordinance be read in full at one or both meetings. If such demand is made, the ordinance shall be read in full as demanded.
- (2) At least five days before the meeting at which a proposed ordinance, the principal object of which is the raising of revenue for the municipality, is to be finally adopted, the governing body shall cause notice of the proposed adoption of said proposed ordinance to be published as a Class 1-0 legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of article three [§ 59-3-1 et seq.], chapter fifty-nine of this code, and the publication area for such publication shall be the municipality. The notice shall state the subject matter and general title or titles of such proposed ordinance, the date, time and place of the proposed final vote on adoption, and the place or places within the municipality where such proposed ordinance may be inspected by the public. A reasonable number of copies of the proposed ordinance shall be kept at such place or places and be made available for public inspection. Said notice shall also advise that interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.
- (3) A proposed ordinance shall not be materially amended at the same meeting at which finally adopted.

(b) Notwithstanding any charter provision to the contrary, which charter provision was in effect on the effective date of this section [July 1, 1969], the governing body of any municipality may adopt, by ordinance, building codes, housing codes, plumbing codes, sanitary codes, electrical codes, fire prevention codes, or any other technical codes dealing with general public health, safety or welfare, or a combination of the same, or a comprehensive code of ordinances, in the manner prescribed in this subsection (b). Before any such ordinance shall be adopted, the code shall be either printed or typewritten and shall be presented in pamphlet form to the governing body of the municipality at a regular meeting, and copies of such code shall be made available for public inspection.

The ordinance adopting such code shall not set out said code in full, but shall merely identify the same. The vote on adoption of said ordinance shall be the same as on any other ordinance. After adoption of the ordinance, such code or codes shall be certified by the mayor and shall be filed as a permanent record in the office of the recorder, who shall not be required to transcribe and record the same in the ordinance book as other ordinances are transcribed and recorded. Consistent with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, it shall not be necessary that any such ordinance, either as proposed or after adoption, be published in any newspaper, and it shall not be necessary that the code itself be so published, but before final adoption of any such proposed ordinance, notice of the proposed adoption of such ordinance and code shall be given by publication as herein provided for ordinances the principal object of which is the raising of revenue for the municipality, which notice shall also state where, within the municipality, the code or codes will be available for public inspection.

(c) By a charter framed and adopted, revision of a charter as a whole, or a charter amendment or amendments, as the case may be, subsequent to the effective date of this section [July 1, 1969], a city may require any or all ordinances to be published in a newspaper prior to the adoption thereof, may expressly adopt the provisions of this section, may specify other additional requirements for the enactment of ordinances, or may prescribe a procedure for the enactment of ordinances in greater detail than prescribed in this section, but a city shall not, except in an emergency as specified in subsection (d) of this section or except as otherwise provided in this code, have the power and authority to lessen or reduce the requirements of this section.

(d) The governing body of a municipality may enact an ordinance without complying with the rules prescribed in this section only (1) in the case of a pressing public emergency making procedure in accordance with the provisions of this section dangerous to the public health, safety or morals, and by affirmative vote of two thirds of the members elected to the governing body, or (2) when otherwise provided in this code. The nature of any such emergency shall be set out in full in the ordinance. (1937, c. 56; 1959, c. 123; 1963, c. 121; 1965, c. 110; 1967, c. 105; 1969, c. 86.)

FINAL UTTER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING: Upon adoption hereof, the recorder shall publish a copy of this ordinance as Class 11-0 legal advertisement once a week for two successive weeks within a period of fourteen (14) consecutive days, with at least six (6) full days intervening between each publication in the The Hampshire Review, being the only newspaper publication and of general circulation in the City or the County of Hampshire, and said notice shall state that this Ordinance has been adopted on first reading and that any person interested may appear before the Council upon a date certain, the date of the third reading hereof, stated in such notice, which date shall not be less than ten (10) days subsequent to the date of the first publication of the Ordinance and Notice, and present protests. At such hearing, all objections and suggestions shall be heard and the Council shall take such action as it shall deem proper in the premises.

Passed on first reading: 7 Dec 1992  
Passed on second reading: 11 Jan 1993  
Passed and enacted on third and final reading  
following public hearing: 01 FEB 93

William E. Fiske, Sr.  
MAYOR

Jeff A. Magallon  
RECORDER

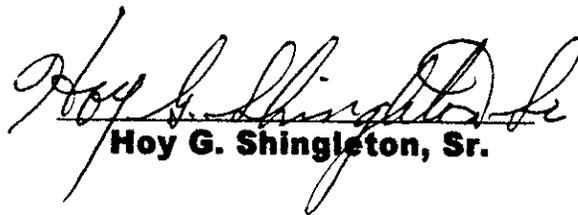


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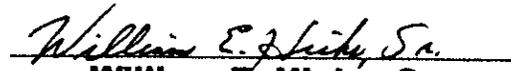
**CITY OF ROMNEY,  
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE, scilicet:**

**I, HOY G. SHINGLETON, Sr., do solemnly swear that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of West Virginia and the Charter and By-Laws of the City of Romney; that I am eligible under Chapter 8 of the Code of West Virginia to serve as MAYOR and, that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of MAYOR for the ensuing term to the best of my ability, SO HELP ME GOD.**

**In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this the 30th day of June, 1997.**

  
**Hoy G. Shingleton, Sr.**

**Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of June, 1997.**

  
**William E. Hicks, Sr.  
Mayor of Romney,  
West Virginia**

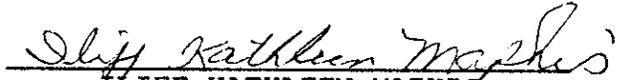
1. ORIGINAL SHALL BE FILLED WITH MUNICIPAL RECORDER.
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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE, scilicet:

I, ILIFF KATHLEEN MAPHIS, do solemnly swear that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of West Virginia and the Charter and By-Laws of the City of Romney; that I am eligible under Chapter 8 of the Code of West Virginia to serve as RECORDER and, that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of RECORDER for the ensuing term to the best of my ability, SO HELP ME GOD.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this the 21st day of June, 1996.

  
ILIFF KATHLEEN MAPHIS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of June, 1996.

  
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
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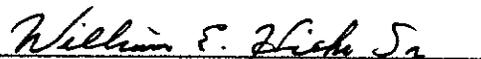
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**I, ERINO LEONE, do solemnly swear that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of West Virginia and the Charter and By-Laws of the City of Romney; that I am eligible under Chapter 8 of the Code of West Virginia to serve as COUNCILMAN and, that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of COUNCIL for the ensuing term to the best of my ability, SO HELP ME GOD.**

**In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this the 30th day of June, 1997.**

  
**Erino Leone**

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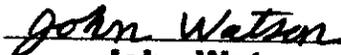
  
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I, JOHN WATSON, do solemnly swear that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of West Virginia and the Charter and By-Laws of the City of Romney; that I am eligible under Chapter 8 of the Code of West Virginia to serve as COUNCILMAN and, that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of COUNCIL for the ensuing term to the best of my ability, SO HELP ME GOD.

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John Watson

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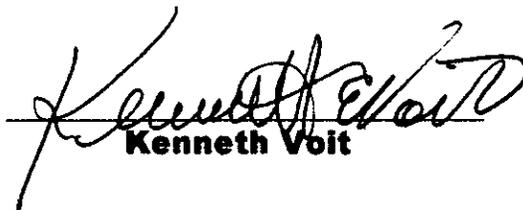
  
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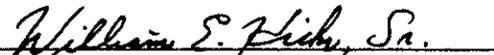
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**I, KENNETH VOIT, do solemnly swear that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of West Virginia and the Charter and By-Laws of the City of Romney; that I am eligible under Chapter 8 of the Code of West Virginia to serve as COUNCILMAN and, that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of COUNCIL for the ensuing term to the best of my ability, SO HELP ME GOD.**

**In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this the 30th day of June, 1997.**

  
Kenneth Voit

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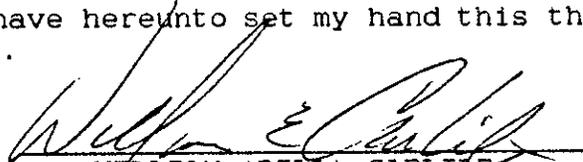
  
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I, WILLIAM (BILL) CARLILE, do solemnly swear that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of West Virginia and the Charter and By-Laws of the City of Romney; that I am eligible under Chapter 8 of the Code of West Virginia to serve as COUNCILMAN and, that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of COUNCIL for the ensuing term to the best of my ability, SO HELP ME GOD.

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WILLIAM (BILL) CARLILE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of June, 1996.

  
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I, ALICE REBECCA ROWZEE, do solemnly swear that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of West Virginia and the Charter and By-Laws of the City of Romney; that I am eligible under Chapter 8 of the Code of West Virginia to serve as COUNCILWOMAN and, that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of COUNCIL for the ensuing term to the best of my ability, SO HELP ME GOD.

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ALICE REBECCA ROWZEE

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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND FIXING NEW RATES, FEES, CHARGES AND DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY CHARGE FOR SERVICE FOR CONSUMERS OF THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ROMNEY.**

**WHEREAS, The City of Romney (the "City") owns and operates a municipal water system (the "System"), and**

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**WHEREAS, it is deemed essential, convenient and desirable for the health, welfare, safety, advantage and convenience of all users, and**

**WHEREAS, it is considered necessary to allow growth, extensions and development for the City and surrounding areas, and**

**WHEREAS, the present rates, fees, and charges, impairs the City from carrying out its obligations to the public, and**

**WHEREAS, an increase of rates is essential to generate revenue necessary to finance the acquisition and construction of certain extensions, improvements and additions to the existing public water treatment and distribution facility.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ROMNEY HEREBY ORDAINS:**

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**APPLICABILITY**

**In entire territory served.**

**AVAILABILITY**

**Available for residential, commercial, industrial, and sale for resale.**

**RATES**

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**MINIMUM CHARGE**

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8.0 inch meter \$665.00 per month.**





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COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE

TO WIT:

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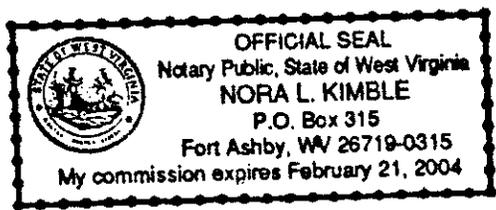
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DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above tariff is net. On all accounts not paid in full within twenty (20) days of date of bill, ten percent (10%) will be added to the amount shown. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is only to be collected once for each bill where it is appropriate.

RE-CONNECTION FEE.....\$20.00

PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION FEE.....\$900.00 PER YEAR.

PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION FEE

\$900.00 per year for service from a new hydrant.  
\$ 52.00 per year for service from an existing hydrant.

TAP FEES

A \$350.00 tap fee will be charged for any new service; and, any change in size of existing services when requested by customer.

SECTION 2.

The water rates provided herein, shall not become effective until construction commences for the new water treatment plant, new storage tank, and related water line improvements to the City's water supply system.

SECTION 3.

All ordinances, resolutions, and orders or parts hereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION 4.

STATUTORY NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING: Upon passage hereof, the Recorder shall publish a copy of this Ordinance as a Class II-O legal advertisement once a week for two successive weeks within a period of fourteen (14) consecutive days, with at least six (6) full days intervening between each publication in The Hampshire Review, being the only newspaper published and of general circulation in the County of Hampshire, and said notice shall state that this Ordinance has been adopted on a first reading and that any person interested, may appear before the Council upon a date certain, the date of the final reading thereof, stated in such notice, which date shall be not less than ten (10) days subsequent to the date of the first publication of the Ordinance and notice, and present protests. AT such hearing, all objection and suggestion shall be heard and Council shall take such action as it shall deem proper in the premises.

Passed by Romney Council .....June 30, 1997  
Final reading and hearing.....July 14, 1997



CITY OF ROMNEY  
ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 30, 1997

Mayor Hicks called to order a special meeting of the City of Romney Council, June 30, 1997 at 7:03PM.

Guest Attending:

Phyllis Shingleton, Ken Dyche and Dan Miller.

Roll Call:

Mayor Hicks	present
City Adm. Buckbee	present
Recorder Maphis	present
Councilman Leone	present
Councilman Watson	present
Councilwoman Rowzee	present
Councilman Voit	present
Councilman Shingleton	present
Councilman Carlile	present

Prior to the official call to order of this meeting, City Recorder Maphis on behalf of the City Council, presented Mayor Hicks with a gavel with an engraved plaque with Mayor Hicks name & years of serving as Mayor. Mr. Dan Miller of Smith Technology purchased the gavel for presentation.

Mayor Hicks, per the agenda called upon Garry Buckbee to review efforts of he and Ken Dyche, who have been working with WV Infrastructure Council in Charleston to obtain monies for the new water plant (Attachment #1)

Dan Miller announced \$100,000.00 savings from contractors on overall project.

✓ Mayor Hicks called for action on the Ordinance Establishing & Fixing New Rate, etc. Councilman Watson made a motion to first reading in title only as follows; An Ordinance Establishing and Fixing New Rates, Fees, Charges and Delayed Payment Penalty Charge for Service for Consumers of the Water System of the City of Romney, seconded by Voit, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Hicks read a letter of resignation as a Councilman for the City of Romney effective June 30, 1997 at 12:00 midnight from Councilman Hoy G. Shingleton (Attachment #2).

Garry gave council a copy of Sewer Budget for their review (Attachment #3) no action taken.

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Mayor Hicks requested and read a resolution for grant of \$10,000.00 (to remove gas tanks) all Council agreed to resolution (attachment #4).

Garry announced Buck Haines will be resigning from City due to medical problems.

Mayor Hicks called for additional business, having none, he proceeded with the "New Oath of Offices" to Councilmen Erino Leone, John Watson, and Kenneth Voit, followed by "New Oath of Office" to Mayor Hoy G. Shingleton. These offices all effective June 30, 1997, 12:00 midnight. These terms of office to run from July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1999.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM.

William E. Hicks, Sr.  
Mayor, William E. Hicks, Sr.

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Recorder, Iliff Maphis

CITY OF ROMNEY  
ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 7, 1997

Mayor Shingleton called the July 7, 1997 regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Guest List (Attachment #1)

The Mayor welcomed guests and called for roll call:

Mayor Shingleton	present
Recorder Maphis	present
City Adm. Buckbee	present
Councilman Leone	present
Councilman Watson	present
Councilwoman Rowzee	present
Councilman Voit	present
Councilman Carlile	present

Having a quorum, the Mayor called for action on (4) sets of minutes dated June, 2, June 16, June 18 & June 30, 97. Councilman Watson moved due to Council having copies, the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Leone, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Shingleton recognized guests and called for comments. Dale Moore questioned street paving, Mayor Shingleton and City Adm. Buckbee is studying the issue. No decision at this time when paving will begin.

Calotta Johnson requested the ditch be filled with blacktop, unable to park vehicle without dragging. Buckbee replied when employees available, this work would be scheduled, as council had previously approved. Mayor Shingleton expressed his disapproval of this work being done.

Sartell Kidwell, Main Street, commented on an open drain coming from Charlevoix Place and running through his property and Mr. Kidwell referred to the city right-of-way of this drain. Mayor Shingleton referred issue to the Street Committee Chairman Voit.

Mayor Shingleton presented a booklet of parliamentary procedure to each Council and reviewed a portion of the booklet and ask each one to study at home, he feels this information will be beneficial to the City Council.

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Communications: None

Committee Reports:

Ordinance - Rowzee - No report

Sewer - Leone - refer to executive session

Street - Voit - Anitigo Place - driveway curb to be cut, Street Committee will meet with Garry to study this issue. Patching of streets discussed - Garry said approx. two weeks. Councilman questioned the Bill Hicks problem of water run off onto his foundation. Street Committee will go to site before a decision can be made.

Water - Watson - no report

Building - Carlile - remarked the loss of buildings, none be replace. No answer to this issue.

Finance - Shingleton - Finance report - no questions.

The Mayor called for action on payment of bills, Carlile made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Watson, all in favor, motion carried.

Building Permits ( Attachment #2)

New Business:

(a) Police Judge - Current judge term ends approx. July 15, 1997, Leone approached former Judge and Shingleton approached current Judge. This issue will be covered in executive session.

(b) Council vacancy - Mayor Shingleton called for action, Carlile made a motion to post pone until August meeting, seconded by Voit, Vote - 3 yes, 2 no. Motion carried.

Mr. Shingleton announced he will have committee selected for approval by August.

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(c) Coal Severance - Garry reviewed the revision to approved budget (Attachment #3) William Carlile moved that subject to approval of the State Tax Commissioner (as required), the City of Romney does hereby direct that the budget be revised prior to the expenditure or obligation of funds for which no appropriation or insufficient appropriation currently exists, as shown on budget revision number 1, a copy of which is entered a part of this record, seconded by Watson, all in favor, motion carried.

City Administrator:

(a) Riding Mower authorization - Garry referred to authorization to purchase mower at the last meeting - a blower for winter has been put on lay-a-way still pursuing a trailer for the mower.

(b) Water Plant Update - Garry gave an overall view of the meeting with Central Hampshire Water. Buckbee, Shingleton and Rowzee attended this meeting. They agreed this was a "good" meeting, very positive. There also were Public Service Commission representatives attending this meeting.

Garry relayed information concerning the reservoir issue, he expects a problem with Welding Incorporated, he feels this will go to re-bid with specific language in the bid - involves glass tank vs. steel tank.

(Attachment #4) A letter to Todd Carder, P.S.C., a statement of Income and Debt Expense.

(c) Margie Ruckman - sewer tap - per request the tap is in place and the tap fee be waived. Garry referred to other issues pertaining to tap fees. Mayor Shingleton called for action of Council on the Ruckman sewer tap fee. Council agrees to give answer at the Special Meeting July 14, 1997.

✓ (d) Second reading of Water Ordinance - Watson made a motion to read in title only as second reading, seconded by Leone, all in favor, motion carried.

(e) Extend Holtsville Street - (Attachment #5) This would be an asset to the City due to high crime area. Accessible to vehicle i.e. snow plows, trash truck. Garry suggest further discussion in executive session as to financing.

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(f) Deeds (E. Fairfax) Garry explained location of request for Quick Claim Deeds - alley-way located in back of former Dr. Bob Brown property and Rue Worles. Alley way approx. 12 to 15 feet wide. No deeds beyond Worles property. Garry request permission to have City Attorney draw up Quick Claim Deeds for Romney Unity Apts., owner of Dr. Bob Brown property and Rue Worles. Each of these will pay attorney fee for Quick Claim Deeds.

Mayor Shingleton called for action of Council. Voit made a motion to direct Buckbee to proceed with deeds, seconded by Rowzee, 4 voted yes, 1 no, motion carried.

(g) Fairfax Street project update - Garry reported \$15,231.00 draw down, 100% complete, electric, water, sidewalk and change order of conduit. All utilities under-ground. Blacktop from Birch Lane to Apt. \$10,900.00 for roads include street to Sioux Lane.

(h) Potomac Highlands Support Service Petersburg - This group will provide adult labor, wages, insurance, etc. The only obligation of City is keeping record of hours worked. Council agreed to allow Garry to pursue this issue.

Garry relayed information from Steve Keener who has students that needs approx. 100 - 200 hours of community service, Council agrees for Garry to pursue this program.

Mayor Shingleton called for additional business, having none he announced executive session at 8:45 PM.

Resumed business session 9:30 PM. Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 PM, seconded by Rowzee, motion carried.

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Mayor, Hoy G. Shingleton, Sr.

  
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Recorder, Cliff Maghis

CITY OF ROMNEY  
ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 14, 1997

Mayor Shingleton called to order a special meeting of the City of Romney Council, July 14, 1997 at 7:00 PM.

Guest: Loudoun Thompson, Jane Slocum, Norwood Haines & Dan Miller

Roll Call:

Mayor Shingleton	present
Recorder Maphis	present
City Adm. Buckbee	present
Councilman Leone	present
Councilman Watson	present
Councilwoman Rowzee	present
Councilman Voit	present
Councilman Carlile	present

✓ Having a quorum, Mayor Shingleton relayed the purpose of this meeting (1) 3rd reading and hearing for rate ordinance, to be read in it's entirety. Watson made a motion to read the rate ordinance in it's entirety as a 3rd and final reading, seconded by Leone, all in favor, motion carried (Attachment #1).

The Mayor ask Garry to read the rate ordinance in it's entirety. Having completed the reading, Garry announced he had given each member of Council a copy of a petition prepared by Mr. Loudoun Thompson on behalf of Ann Hill, Speed Wash in Romney. Time allowed for Council to read the letter, at which time Mayor Shingleton ask Council for action. Watson made a motion to make this letter a part of the record, seconded by Leone, all in favor, motion carried, (Attachment #2).

Mayor Shingleton called for discussion from guest. Mr. Loudoun Thompson requested to speak on rate increase on behalf of Ann Hill, Speed Wash and what effect the rate increase would have on her business. He questioned the rate increase without a public hearing and also the new rate going into effect until the new water plant was substantially completed. Objection to the rate increase of \$4.16. He stated a copy of the petition has been sent to the P.S.C. Mr. Thompson requested the objection be filed in the record.

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Mayor Shingleton referred issue to Adm. Buckbee. Garry related information pertaining to P.S.C. as they are aware of every move made by the City. P.S.C. gave a basic outline to follow to change the rates at this point. Two members of P.S.C. one an engineer, one a utility analyst attended a meeting with City of Romney representatives and Central Hampshire Water Assoc. Board Member and any one else who chose to attend. The P.S.C representatives gave their opinion of the rates in question being just and reasonable at this time and in their opinion, any protest could only make the project far more expensive than it is already.

Garry stated cost and cuts have been studied thoroughly and any protest will cost and delay the construction of the plant.

The Mayor ask Mr. Thompson to pass information onto Ms. Hill. Mr. Thompson is asking for a hearing, Garry replied this is a hearing and Mr. Thompson said they are requesting a hearing with the P.S.C.

Mr. Thompson said in all fairness to the Town Council, he would discuss with her the information received this evening. He would appreciate if Garry would send a memo to her as to why city moved like this. Mr. Thompson stated he felt eventually the city will get the rates.

Garry stated if this package does not fly, (this is from the P.S.C., not myself) at this time, within the time frame outlined through August, we will then file for additional money and the rates will increase for at least that amount of money that it would take to finance the approx. million and one half dollars.

Mr. Thompson spoke on another issue being only one water authority for the whole County. The ideal would be for Central Hampshire Water and Romney to get together.

Garry requested Ms. Hill come to the office and let him explain issues to her.

Mayor Shingleton ask if anyone else had anything to say on this rate issue, hearing none he continued on with business.

The Mayor referred to Dan Miller, who elaborated on the tank issue and funding.

Garry added, the Mayor received a letter from P.S.C. this evening, regarding re-opening the certificate case. Mr Cardin is advising this request has been given designation Case #960446-W-CM. May possibly be re-opened, nothing definite on this issue.

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✓ Mayor Shingleton failed to complete action on reading of ordinance, he called for action on accepting ordinance as read, Watson so moved, seconded by Carlile, all in favor, motion carried. The Mayor directed the Recorder to sign the ordinance.

Mayor Shingleton referred to previous meeting of street work needed to be checked by Street Committee. New Committee consists of Kenneth Voit - Chairman, Erino Leone - Vice Chairman and Alice Rowzee - Committee Member. Issues to be checked ----- curb on Saville property (Antigo), storm drain at Hick's residence and Sartell Kidwell. Committee will meet Tuesday, July 15, 1997 at 9:00 AM.

The Mayor referred complaint - Johnny Barb, curb - Sears Building. Mr. Barb's concern is blocking his driveway into his building. The curb was installed by Lois Hockensmith to prevent water run-off flooding her building.

Mr. Voit said he had talked with Mr. Barb prior to this meeting that the curb was beneficial to him due to water flooding his building. Committee will check this Tuesday. Sonny Graham needed on Hicks issue.

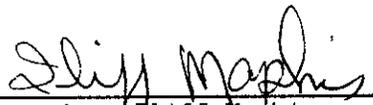
Sewer tap issue at Parson's Heights (Margie Ruckman) cancelled.

The Mayor called for additional business, hearing none, he ask for motion to go into executive session. Rowzee made a motion to go into executive session at 7:45 PM, seconded by Watson, all in favor, motion carried.

Resume business at 8:17 PM.

Mayor Shingleton presented two names to be considered for the Municipal Police Judge. The current police judge term expires July 15, 1997 - midnight. Names submitted: W.E. Hicks, current police judge, Levin Keister, former police judge (both men have been approached prior). Watson made a motion to hire Levin Keister as Municipal Police Judge as of July 15, 1997 - midnight at a yearly salary of 2,700.00, seconded by Leone, all in favor, motion carried.

Having no further business, Carlile moved to adjourn at 8:34 PM, seconded by Voit, motion carried.

  
Recorder, Cliff Maphis

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Mayor, Hoy G. Shingleton, Sr.



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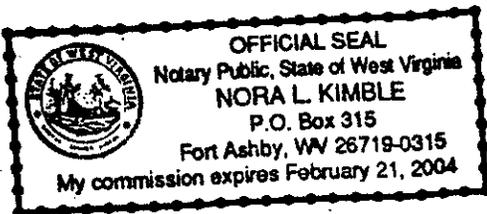
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My commission expires February 21, 2004.

Nora L Kimble  
NOTARY



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON  
CITY OF ROMNEY BOND ORDINANCE

A public hearing will be held on the following-entitled Ordinance at a special meeting of the Council of the City of Romney (the "City") to be held on August 18, 1997, at 5:00 p.m. at the Romney City Hall, 260 School Street, Romney, West Virginia, and at such hearing any person interested may appear before the Council and present protests, and all protests and suggestions shall be heard by the Council and it shall then take such actions as it shall deem proper in the premises upon an Ordinance entitled:

Ordinance authorizing the acquisition and construction of additions, betterments and improvements to the existing public waterworks system of the City of Romney and the financing of the cost, not otherwise provided, thereof through the issuance by the City of not more than \$3,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of water revenue bonds, series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture), and not more than \$1,500,000 in aggregate principal amount of water revenue bonds, series 1997 B (West Virginia infrastructure fund); providing for the rights and remedies of and security for the registered owners of such bonds; authorizing execution and delivery of all documents relating to the issuance of such bonds; approving, ratifying and confirming a loan agreement relating to the series 1997 B bonds; authorizing the sale and providing for the terms and provisions of such bonds and adopting other provisions relating thereto.

The above-entitled Ordinance was adopted by the Council of the City on August 4, 1997.

The above-quoted title of the Ordinance describes generally the contents thereof and the purposes of the Bonds contemplated thereby. The City contemplates the issuance of the Bonds described in said Ordinance. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to provide permanent financing of a portion of the costs of acquisition and construction of additions, betterments and improvements to the existing public waterworks system of the City. The Bonds are payable solely from revenues to be derived from the ownership and operation of the waterworks system of the City. No taxes may at any time be levied for the payment of the Bonds or the interest thereon.

A certified copy of the above-entitled Ordinance is on file with the Council at the office of the Recorder of the City for review by interested parties during regular office hours.

Following said public hearing, the Council intends to enact said Ordinance upon final reading.

Dated: August 4, 1997

Bill Manolis, Recorder



CITY OF ROMNEY

Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture)  
and Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund)

MINUTES ON ADOPTION OF BOND ORDINANCE -  
FIRST READING

I, Iliff Maphis, Recorder of the City of Romney (the "City"), hereby certify that the following is a true and correct excerpt of the minutes of a special meeting of the Council of the City:

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The Council of the City met in special session, pursuant to notice duly given, on the 28th day of July, 1997, in Romney, West Virginia, at the hour of 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Hoy G. Shingleton, Sr.	-	Mayor
	Iliff Maphis	-	Recorder
	Kenneth Voit	-	Councilmember
	Erino Leone	-	Councilmember
	Alice Rowzee	-	Councilmember
	William Carlile	-	Councilmember
ABSENT:	John Watson	-	Councilmember

The Mayor announced that a quorum of members was present and that the meeting was open for any business properly before it.

Thereupon, the Mayor presented a proposed Bond Ordinance in writing entitled:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING PUBLIC WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ROMNEY AND THE FINANCING OF THE COST, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THEREOF THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 IN AGGREGATE

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 A (UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE), AND NOT MORE THAN \$1,500,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 B (WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND); PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF AND SECURITY FOR THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS; APPROVING, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING A LOAN AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE SERIES 1997 B BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SUCH BONDS AND ADOPTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.

and caused the same to be read and there was discussion. Thereupon, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously ordered that the said Bond Ordinance be adopted upon first reading.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made and seconded, it was ordered that the meeting adjourn.

  
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Mayor

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I further hereby certify that the foregoing action of the Council remains in full force and effect and has not been amended, rescinded, superseded, repealed or changed.



CITY OF ROMNEY

Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture)  
and Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund)

MINUTES ON ADOPTION OF BOND ORDINANCE -  
SECOND READING

I, Iliff Maphis, Recorder of the City of Romney (the "City"), hereby certify that the following is a true and correct excerpt of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the City:

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The Council of the City met in regular session, pursuant to notice duly given, on the 4th day of August, 1997, in Romney, West Virginia, at the hour of 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Hoy G. Shingleton, Sr.	-	Mayor
Iliff Maphis	-	Recorder
John Watson	-	Councilmember
Kenneth Voit	-	Councilmember
Erino Leone	-	Councilmember
Alice Rowzee	-	Councilmember
William Carlile	-	Councilmember

ABSENT: None.

The Mayor announced that a quorum of members was present and that the meeting was open for any business properly before it. He stated that the proposed Bond Ordinance heretofore passed on first reading would be considered upon second reading.

Thereupon, the Mayor presented the proposed Bond Ordinance for adoption upon second reading and caused the same to be read as follows:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND  
CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, BETTERMENTS AND  
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING PUBLIC  
WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ROMNEY AND  
THE FINANCING OF THE COST, NOT OTHERWISE

PROVIDED, THEREOF THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 A (UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE), AND NOT MORE THAN \$1,500,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 B (WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND); PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF AND SECURITY FOR THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS; APPROVING, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING A LOAN AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE SERIES 1997 B BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SUCH BONDS AND ADOPTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.

Thereupon, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously ordered that the said Bond Ordinance be adopted on second reading.

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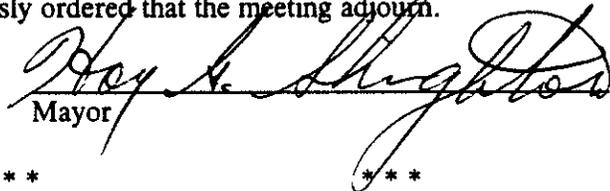
Pursuant to the Bond Ordinance, it was ordered that there be published a notice of public hearing together with an abstract of the Bond Ordinance, which the Council determined to contain sufficient information to give notice of the contents of said Bond Ordinance, once a week for two successive weeks as provided in said Bond Ordinance, said public hearing to be held before this Council upon said Bond Ordinance at the hour of 5:00 p.m. on the 18th day of August, 1997, all in accordance with the requirements of statute.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously ordered that the meeting adjourn.

  
Mayor

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I further hereby certify that the foregoing action of said Council remains in full force and effect and has not been amended, rescinded, superseded, repealed or changed.



CITY OF ROMNEY

Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture)  
and Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund)

MINUTES ON ADOPTION OF BOND ORDINANCE -  
FINAL READING FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING

I, Iliff Maphis, Recorder of the City of Romney (the "City"), hereby certify that the following is a true and correct excerpt of the minutes of a special meeting of the Council of the City:

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The Council of the City met in special session, pursuant to notice duly given, on the 18th day of August, 1997, in Romney, West Virginia, at the hour of 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Hoy G. Shingleton, Sr.	-	Mayor
Iliff Maphis	-	Recorder
John Watson	-	Councilmember
Erino Leone	-	Councilmember
Alice Rowzee	-	Councilmember
William Carlile	-	Councilmember
ABSENT: Kenneth Voit	-	Councilmember

The Mayor announced that a quorum of members was present and that the meeting was open for any business properly before it. He stated that the proposed Bond Ordinance heretofore passed on first and second readings would be subject to protests and suggestions from any interested person at this time in accordance with the publication of an abstract of said Bond Ordinance and a Notice of Hearing, which publication has been duly made, and the Mayor called for protests and suggestions as to said Bond Ordinance and all persons desiring to protest the said Bond Ordinance or to make any suggestions with reference thereto were heard.

There being no protests or suggestions made as to said Bond Ordinance, the Mayor thereupon stated that it would be in order to consider the said Bond Ordinance for final enactment and the Mayor caused the said Bond Ordinance to be read as follows:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING PUBLIC WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ROMNEY AND THE FINANCING OF THE COST, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THEREOF THROUGH THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 A (UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE), AND NOT MORE THAN \$1,500,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 B (WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND); PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF AND SECURITY FOR THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS; APPROVING, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING A LOAN AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE SERIES 1997 B BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SUCH BONDS AND ADOPTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.

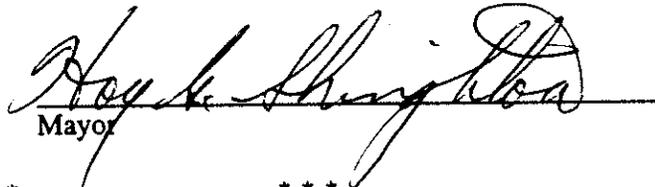
Thereupon, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously ordered that the said Bond Ordinance be finally enacted and put into effect on the date hereof.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously ordered that the meeting adjourn.

  
Mayor

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I further hereby certify that the foregoing action of the Council remains in full force and effect and has not been amended, rescinded, superseded, repealed or changed.

WITNESS my signature on this 25th day of August, 1997.

Stacy Maphis  
Recorder

08/01/97  
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CITY OF ROMNEY

Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture)  
and Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund)

MINUTES ON ADOPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION

I, Iliff Maphis, Recorder of the City of Romney (the "City"), hereby certify that the following is a true and correct excerpt of the minutes of a special meeting of the Council of the City:

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The Council of the City met in special session, pursuant to notice duly given, on the 21st day of August, 1997, in Romney, West Virginia, at the hour of 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Iliff Maphis	-	Recorder
	John Watson	-	Councilmember
	Kenneth Voit	-	Councilmember
	Erino Leone	-	Councilmember
	Alice Rowzee	-	Councilmember
	William Carlile	-	Councilmember
ABSENT:	Hoy G. Shingleton, Sr.	-	Mayor

The Mayor announced that a quorum of members was present and that the meeting was open for any business properly before it.

Thereupon, the Mayor presented a proposed Supplemental Resolution in writing entitled:

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION PROVIDING AS TO PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, DATES, MATURITY DATES, INTEREST RATES, INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL PAYMENT DATES, SALE PRICES AND OTHER TERMS OF THE WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 A (UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE) AND SERIES 1997 B (WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND), OF THE CITY OF ROMNEY;

RATIFYING AND APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE SERIES 1997 B BONDS; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE SERIES 1997 A BONDS TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE SERIES 1997 B BONDS TO THE WEST VIRGINIA WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; DESIGNATING A REGISTRAR, PAYING AGENT AND DEPOSITORY BANK; AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS AS TO THE BONDS.

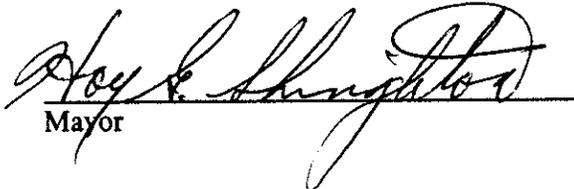
and caused the same to be read and there was discussion. Thereupon, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously ordered that the said Supplemental Resolution be adopted and put into effect on the date hereof.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made and seconded, it was ordered that the meeting adjourn.

  
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Mayor

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I further hereby certify that the foregoing action of the Council remains in full force and effect and has not been amended, rescinded, superseded, repealed or changed.



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WV MUNICIPAL BOND COMMISSION

812 Quarrier Street  
Suite 300  
Charleston, WV 25301  
(304)558-3971

NEW ISSUE REPORT FORM

Date of Report: August 25, 1997

(See Reverse for Instructions)

ISSUE: CITY OF ROMNEY, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure

ADDRESS: 260 School Street, Romney, West Virginia 26757 COUNTY: Hampshire (Fund)

PURPOSE: New Money  Refunding  Refunds issue(s) dated: \_\_\_\_\_

ISSUE DATE: August 25, 1997 CLOSING DATE: August 25, 1997

ISSUE AMOUNT: \$ 1,424,038 RATE: 0%

1st DEBT SERVICE DUE: 12/1/98 1st PRINCIPAL DUE: 12/1/98

1st DEBT SERVICE AMOUNT: \$9,187.35 PAYING AGENT: West Virginia Municipal Bond Commission

ISSUERS

BOND COUNSEL: Steptoe & Johnson

Contact Person: Vincent A. Collins, Esq.

Phone: 624-8161

CLOSING BANK: First National Bank of Romney

Contact Person: Walter Layman

Phone: 822-8700

KNOWLEDGEABLE ISSUER CONTACT

Contact Person: Garry Buckbee

Position: City Administrator

Phone: 822-5118 FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

UNDERWRITERS

BOND COUNSEL: Jackson & Kelly

Contact Person: Samme L. Gee, Esq.

Phone: 340-1318

ESCROW TRUSTEE: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: West Virginia Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council

Contact Person: Susan Riggs

Function: Executive Director

Phone: 558-4607

DEPOSITS TO MBC AT CLOSE: \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Wire \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_  
Accrued Interest: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Capitalized Interest: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Reserve Account: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

REFUNDS & TRANSFERS BY MBC AT CLOSE:  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Wire \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ IGT \_\_\_\_\_  
To Escrow Trustee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
To Issuer: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
To Cons. Invest. Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
To Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_  
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FOR MUNICIPAL BOND COMMISSION USE ONLY:

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CITY OF ROMNEY

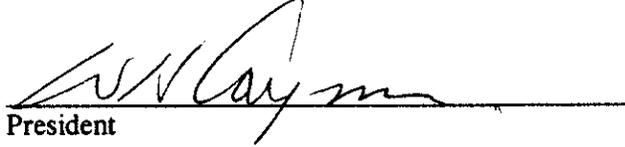
Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture)  
and Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund)

ACCEPTANCE OF DUTIES OF DEPOSITORY BANK

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ROMNEY, a national banking association, Romney, West Virginia, hereby accepts appointment as Depository Bank in connection with a Bond Ordinance of the City of Romney (the "Issuer"), enacted August 18, 1997, and a Supplemental Resolution of the Issuer adopted August 21, 1997 (collectively, the "Bond Legislation"), authorizing issuance of the Issuer's Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 A (United States Department of Agriculture) and Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund), both dated August 25, 1997, in the respective principal amount of \$2,900,000 and \$1,424,038 (collectively, the "Bonds") and agrees to perform all duties of Depository Bank in connection with the Bonds, all as set forth in the Bond Legislation.

WITNESS my signature on this 25th day of August, 1997.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ROMNEY

  
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President

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CITY OF ROMNEY

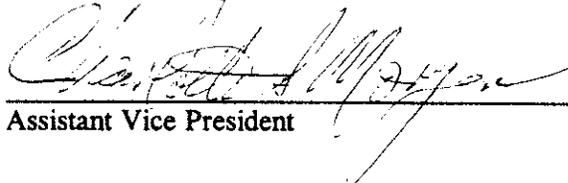
Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund)

ACCEPTANCE OF DUTIES OF REGISTRAR OF SERIES 1997 B BONDS

ONE VALLEY BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association with its principal office in Charleston, West Virginia, hereby accepts appointment as Registrar in connection with the City of Romney Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund), dated August 25, 1997, in the principal amount of \$1,424,038 ("the Bonds") and agrees to perform all duties of Registrar in connection with the Bonds, all as set forth in the Bond Legislation authorizing issuance of the Bonds.

WITNESS my signature on this 25th day of August, 1997.

ONE VALLEY BANK, NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION

  
Assistant Vice President

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CITY OF ROMNEY

Water Revenue Bonds,  
Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund)

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF SERIES 1997 B BONDS

ONE VALLEY BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association with its principal office in Charleston, West Virginia, as Registrar under the Bond Legislation and Registrar's Agreement providing for the above-captioned bond issue of the City of Romney (the "Issuer"), hereby certifies that on the date hereof, the single, fully registered City of Romney Water Revenue Bond, Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund), of the Issuer, dated August 25, 1997, in the principal amount of \$1,424,038, numbered BR-1, is registered as to principal only in the name of "West Virginia Water Development Authority" in the books of the Issuer kept for that purpose at our office, by a duly authorized officer on behalf of the One Valley Bank, National Association, as Registrar.

WITNESS my signature on this 25th day of August, 1997.

ONE VALLEY BANK, NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION

  
Assistant Vice President

08/01/97  
766910/95001



## REGISTRAR'S AGREEMENT

THIS REGISTRAR'S AGREEMENT, dated as of the 25th day of August, 1997, by and between the CITY OF ROMNEY, a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of West Virginia (the "Issuer"), and ONE VALLEY BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association (the "Registrar").

WHEREAS, the Issuer has, contemporaneously with the execution hereof, issued and sold its \$1,424,038 Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1997 B (West Virginia Infrastructure Fund) in fully registered form (the "Bonds"), pursuant to a Bond Ordinance enacted by the Issuer on August 18, 1997, and a Supplemental Resolution adopted by the Issuer on August 21, 1997 (collectively, the "Bond Legislation");

WHEREAS, capitalized words and terms used in this Registrar's Agreement and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings given them in the Bond Legislation, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A hereto and incorporated herein by reference;

WHEREAS, the Bond Legislation provides for an appointment by the Issuer of a Registrar for the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to appoint, and by the Bond Legislation and this Registrar's Agreement does appoint, the Registrar to act as Registrar under the Bond Legislation and to take certain other actions hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. Upon the execution of this Registrar's Agreement by the Issuer and the Registrar and during the term hereof, the Registrar does accept and shall have and carry out the powers and duties of Registrar for the Bonds, all as set forth in the Bond Legislation, such duties including, among other things, the duties to authenticate, register and deliver Bonds upon original issuance and when properly presented for exchange or transfer, and shall do so with the intention of maintaining the exemption of interest on the Bonds from federal income taxation, in accordance with any rules and regulations promulgated by the United States Treasury Department or by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board or similar regulatory bodies as the Issuer advises it of and with generally accepted industry standards.

2. The Registrar agrees to furnish the Issuer with appropriate records of all transactions carried out by it as Registrar and to furnish the Issuer with the names and specimen signatures of the Registrar's authorized officers for the purposes of acting as the Registrar and with such other information and reports as the Issuer may from time to time reasonably require.

3. The Registrar shall have no responsibility or liability for any action taken by it at the specific direction of the Issuer.

4. As compensation for acting as Registrar pursuant to this Registrar's Agreement, the Issuer hereby agrees to pay to the Registrar, from time to time, the compensation for services rendered as provided in the annexed schedule and reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in connection therewith.

5. It is intended that this Registrar's Agreement shall carry out and implement provisions of the Bond Legislation with respect to the Registrar. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Registrar's Agreement and the Bond Legislation, the terms of the Bond Legislation shall govern.

6. The Issuer and the Registrar each warrants and represents that it is duly authorized and empowered to execute and enter into this Registrar's Agreement and that neither such execution nor the performance of its duties hereunder or under the Bond Legislation will violate any order, decree or agreement to which it is a party or by which it is bound.

7. This Registrar's Agreement may be terminated by either party upon 60 days' written notice sent by registered or certified mail to the other party, at the following respective addresses:

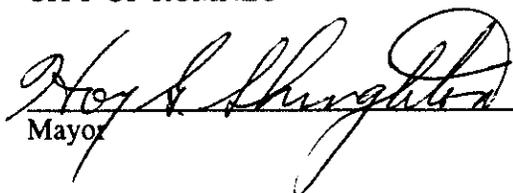
**ISSUER:** City of Romney  
260 School Street  
Romney, West Virginia 26757  
Attention: City Administrator

**REGISTRAR:** One Valley Bank, National Association  
Post Office Box 1793  
One Valley Square  
Charleston, West Virginia 25326  
Attention: Corporate Trust Department

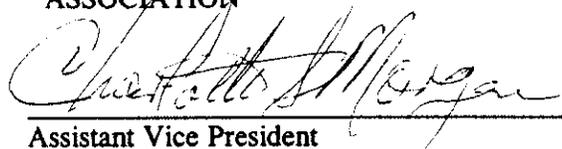
8. The Registrar is hereby requested and authorized to authenticate and deliver the Bonds in accordance with the Bond Legislation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the CITY OF ROMNEY and ONE VALLEY BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, have respectively caused this Registrar's Agreement to be signed in their names and on their behalf, all as of the day and year first above-written.

CITY OF ROMNEY

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ONE VALLEY BANK, NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION

  
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Assistant Vice President

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EXHIBIT A

[Included in transcript as Document No. 1]





STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
CHARLESTON 25305

GASTON CAPERTON  
GOVERNOR

October 12, 1993

The Honorable William E. Hicks, Sr.  
Mayor  
City of Romney  
280 School Street  
Romney, West Virginia 26757

Dear Mayor Hicks:

Thank you for your application to the Small Cities Block Grant Program for fiscal year 1993.

I am pleased to approve your request in the amount of \$750,000. These funds will enable you to construct the Romney water treatment plant.

In order to most effectively use the limited dollars available, I hereby commit \$200,000 from our fiscal year 1993 allocation which will be immediately available to you. The remaining \$550,000 necessary to complete this project will be evaluated and committed in the coming fiscal year. I encourage you to expedite this project and reach its completion as quickly as possible with this funding strategy in mind. The West Virginia Development Office, Community Development staff, will contact you to complete the necessary contracts in order to proceed with your project.

It is with pleasure that I am able to work with you to make this project a reality.

Sincerely,

*Gaston Caperton*  
Gaston Caperton  
Governor

GC:bts



(August 1996)

## GRANT AGREEMENT

This Grant Agreement entered into between the West Virginia Water Development Authority (the "Authority") on behalf of the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (the "Council") and the City of Romney (the "Governmental Agency").

### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Council has authorized the Authority to make a grant to the Governmental Agency in the amount not to exceed \$538,000 (the "Grant") for the purpose of the acquisition and construction/design/planning of a project for which a preliminary application has been submitted and approved by the Council;

WHEREAS, the Governmental Agency wishes to accept the Grant upon such terms and conditions as are hereinafter set forth for the purpose of constructing the project described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the "Project");

WHEREAS, this Agreement sets forth the Council, the Authority and the Governmental Agency's understanding and agreements with regard to the Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements hereinafter contained, the Authority and the Governmental Agency hereby agree as follows:

### TERMS

1. Prior to the distribution of the Grant, the Governmental Agency shall provide the Authority with a Project budget and an anticipated monthly draw schedule reflecting the receipt dates and amounts from other funding sources.
2. The Authority shall advance the Council's share of the Project costs from the Grant from time to time upon receipt of a requisition evidencing the costs incurred, which requisition must be satisfactory to the Authority.
3. The monthly requisition will also set forth (i) the amounts requested for that requisition period from all other funding agencies, and (ii) the amounts advanced for the Project to date from all other funding agencies.
4. The Governmental Agency will use the proceeds of the Grant only for the purposes specifically set forth in Exhibit A.

5. The Governmental Agency shall comply with and is bound by the Council's rules set forth as Title 167, Series 1 and more particularly Section 5.9 with respect to the sale of the Project.

6. The Governmental Agency acknowledges that the Grant may be reduced, from time to time, to reflect actual Project costs and availability of other funding.

7. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of West Virginia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Grant Agreement to be executed by the respective duly authorized officers as of the date executed below by the Authority.

CITY OF ROMNEY

By: *Hoyt L. Shingleton*  
Its: Mayor

Date: 8-25-99

SEAL

ATTEST

*Jill Maphis*  
Its: Recorder

WEST VIRGINIA WATER  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By: *Daniel B. Yeakley*  
Director

Date: 8-25-97

SEAL

ATTEST

*Barbara B Meadows*  
Secretary - Treasurer

## EXHIBIT A

The project consists of construction of a 1.5 mgd water treatment plant, a new 500,000 gallon storage tank and a transmission line connecting the plant and tank to the existing distribution system, for a total project cost of \$5,612,038.