

WATER PURCHASE CONTRACT

This contract for the sale and purchase of water is entered into as of the 30th day of June,~~XX~~ 2003 between the County of Northampton,P. O. Box 68, Jackson, NC 27845,(Address)hereinafter referred to as the "Seller" and the County of Warren,(Address)

hereinafter referred to as the "Purchaser",

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, the Purchaser is organized and established under the provisions of General Statutes of the
Code of North Carolina, for the purpose of constructing and operating a water supply distribution
system serving water users within the area described in plans now on file in the office of the Purchaser and to accomplish this purpose,
the Purchaser will require a supply of treated water, and

Whereas, the Seller owns and operates a water supply distribution system with a capacity currently capable of serving the present
customers of the Seller's system and the estimated number of water users to be served by the said Purchaser as shown in the plans of the
system now on file in the office of the Purchaser, and

Whereas, by motion No. _____ enacted on the 30th day of June ~~XX~~ 2003
by the Seller, the sale of water to the Purchaser in accordance with the provisions of the said motion
was approved, and the execution of this contract carrying out the said motion by the
chairperson, and attested by the Secretary, was duly authorized, and

Whereas, by action of the Warren County Board of Commissioners of the Purchaser,
enacted on the 4th day of November ~~XX~~ 2003, the purchase of water from the Seller
in accordance with the terms set forth in the said contract was approved, and the execution of this
contract by the chairman, and attested by the Secretary was duly authorized;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth,

A. The Seller Agrees:

1. (Quality and Quantity) To furnish the Purchaser at the point of delivery hereinafter specified, during the term of this contract or
any renewal or extension thereof, potable treated water meeting applicable purity standards of the Department
of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

in such quantity as may be required by the Purchaser not to exceed 3,420,000 gallons per month.

2. (Point of Delivery and Pressure) That water will be furnished at a reasonably constant pressure calculated at

50 PSI from an existing 8" inch main supply at a point located

SR 1214 River Road at Warren County Line

If a greater pressure than that normally available at the point of delivery is required by the Purchaser, the cost of providing such greater pressure shall be borne by the Purchaser. Emergency failures of pressure or supply due to main supply line breaks, power failure, flood, fire and use of water to fight fire, earthquake or other catastrophe shall excuse the Seller from this provision for such reasonable period of time as may be necessary to restore service.

3. (Metering Equipment) To furnish, install, operate, and maintain at its own expense at point of delivery, the necessary metering equipment, including a meter house or pit, and required devices of standard type for properly measuring the quantity of water delivered to the Purchaser and to calibrate such metering equipment whenever requested by the Purchaser but not more frequently than once every twelve (12) months. A meter registering not more than two percent (2%) above or below the test result shall be deemed to be accurate.

* See B.2

The previous readings of any meter disclosed by test to be inaccurate shall be corrected for the three months previous to such test in accordance with the percentage of inaccuracy found by such tests. If any meter fails to register for any period, the amount of water furnished during such period shall be deemed to be the amount of water delivered in the corresponding period immediately prior to the failure, unless Seller and Purchaser shall agree upon a different amount. The metering equipment shall be read on

or about the 15th day of each month An appropriate official of the Purchaser at all reasonable times shall have access to the meter for the purpose of verifying its readings.

4. (Billing Procedure) To furnish the Purchaser at the above address not later than the 1st day of each month, with an itemized statement of the amount of water furnished the Purchaser during the preceding month.

B. The Purchaser Agrees:

1. (Rates and Payment Date) To pay the Seller, not later than the 10th day of each month, for water delivered in accordance with the following schedule of rates:

- a. \$ N/A for the first _____ gallons, which amount shall also be the minimum rate per month.
- b. \$ N/A cents per 1000 gallons for water in excess of _____ gallons but less than _____ gallons.
- c. \$ 2.74 cents per 1000 gallons for water ~~in excess of xxxxxxxxxxxx gallons~~. Bulk rate effective 7-1-03.* Bulk rate to be adjusted July 1 of each year based on rate to Northampton County from Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District.

2. (Connection Fee) To pay as an agreed cost, a connection fee to connect the Seller's system with the system of the Purchaser, the sum of N/A dollars which shall cover any and all costs of the Seller for installation of the metering equipment

and * Purchaser agrees in Lieu of connection fee, purchaser will furnish and install metering equipment, including a meter house or pit and required devices of standard type for properly measured quantity of water delivered to purchaser, when purchaser makes connection to seller's system.

C. It is further mutually agreed between the Seller and the Purchaser as follows:

1. (Term of Contract) That this contract shall extend for a term of 40 * years from the date of the initial delivery of any water as shown by the first bill submitted by the Seller to the Purchaser and, thereafter may be renewed or extended for such term, or terms, as may be agreed upon by the Seller and Purchaser.

2. (Delivery of Water) That thirty days prior to the estimated date of completion of construction of the Purchaser's water supply distribution system, the Purchaser will notify the Seller in writing the date for the initial delivery of water.

3. (Water for Testing) When requested by the Purchaser the Seller will make available to the contractor at the point of delivery, or other point reasonably close thereto, water sufficient for testing, flushing, and trench filling the system of the Purchaser during construction,

irrespective of whether the metering equipment has been installed at that time, at a flat charge of \$ 200.00 which will be paid by the contractor or, on his failure to pay, by the Purchaser.

4. (Failure to Deliver) That the Seller will, at all times, operate and maintain its system in an efficient manner and will take such action as may be necessary to furnish the Purchaser with quantities of water required by the Purchaser. Temporary or partial failures to deliver water shall be remedied with all possible dispatch. In the event of an extended shortage of water, or the supply of water available to the Seller is otherwise diminished over an extended period of time, ~~the supply of water to Purchaser's consumers shall be reduced or diminished in the same ratio or proportion as the supply to Seller's consumers is reduced or diminished.~~ ** See below

5. (Modification of Contract) That the provisions of this contract pertaining to the schedule of rates to be paid by the Purchaser for water delivered are subject to modification at the end of every one year period. Any increase or decrease in rates shall be based on a demonstrable increase or decrease in the costs of performance hereunder, but such costs shall not include increased capitalization of the Seller's system. Other provisions of this contract may be modified or altered by mutual agreement.

6. (Regulatory Agencies) That this contract is subject to such rules, regulations, or laws as may be applicable to similar agreements in this State and the Seller and Purchaser will collaborate in obtaining such permits, certificates, or the like, as may be required to comply therewith.

7. (Miscellaneous) That the construction of the water supply distribution system by the Purchaser is being financed by a loan made or insured by, and/or a grant from, the United States of America, acting through Rural Development of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the provisions hereof pertaining to the undertakings of the Purchaser are conditioned upon the approval, in writing, of the State Director of Rural Development.

8. (Successor to the Purchaser) That in the event of any occurrence rendering the Purchaser incapable of performing under this contract, any successor of the Purchaser, whether the result of legal process, assignment, or otherwise, shall succeed to the rights of the Purchaser hereunder.

* IT is agreed upon by the Seller that if and/or when the Purchaser can provide water for its cutomers at a more economical cost, the Purchaser shall:

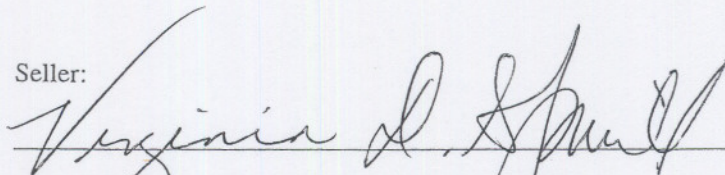
1. No longer be bound by this contract with no penalty or cost from the Seller; and/or
2. Retain the right to renegotiate the Water Purchase Contract

It is further agreed that the Purchaser will provide a written notice of cancellation to the Seller to coincide with the annual renewal contract negotiations between the Seller and the Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District.

** The Seller shall have the option to discontinue delivery of the water required by this contract until such time as seller is able to renew delivery called for herein.

It, witness whereof, the parties hereto, acting under authority of their respective governing bodies, have caused this contract to be duly executed in _____ counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

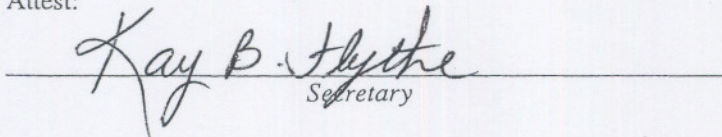
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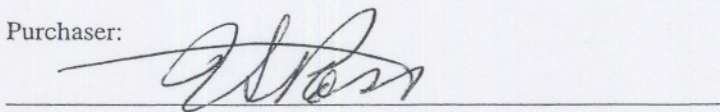
By Virginia D. Spruill, Chairwoman

Title Northampton County Board of Commissioners

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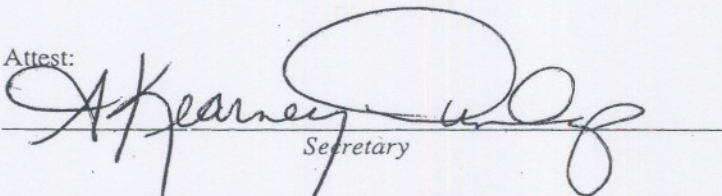

Secretary

Purchaser:



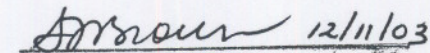
By Ulysses S. Ross, Chairman
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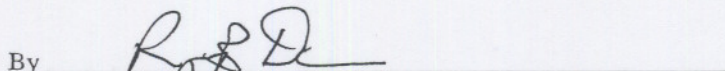

Secretary

This contract is approved on behalf of Rural Development this 16th day of March, 2004.

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.


Susan W. Brown
Finance Officer

By


ROGER B. DAVIS
Title Community Programs Director