

June 3, 2019

Todd Eaby, P.G. Manager, Project Review Susquehanna River Basin Commission 4423 N. Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110-1788

RE:

SRBC Docket No. 20021210

Approval Date: December 12, 2002 Modification Date: December 6, 2018 City of Aberdeen, Harford County, Maryland

Dear Mr. Eaby,

This correspondence serves as a formal request to extend SRBC Docket No. 20021210 beyond its current expiration date of December 31, 2019. Please note this request is for a time extension only, with no increase in the allotment being proposed. The reason for this extension is the City of Aberdeen (City) is currently working with Aberdeen Proving Grounds (APG) and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to develop additional potable water resources, which will be located outside of the Susquehanna River Basin. With MDE's approval of these additional resources the City and APG are still reviewing the use of the allotments granted by SRBC Docket No. 20021210 as secondary sources of water and with possible continued use of the system and a reduced rate of withdraw. The City is requesting that SRBC Docket No. 20021210 be extended to December 31, 2020 to allow the continued evaluation of the options for providing water to APG. This approval is intended to run concurrent with the extension of MDE's Water Appropriation and Use Permit (HA1978S028(07) that was issued on February 1, 2019; see the attached MDE Water Appropriation and Use Permit.

The water resources under development, the "Building 250 Project", consisting of new groundwater wells and associated treatment facilities. The design in complete, and the project is under construction with a current projected completion of December 31, 2019. The extension of Docket No. 20021210 will allow for the completion of Building 250 and the evaluation of water supply options available to APG without the loss of this possible supply option.

SRBC Docket No. 20021210 contained three authorizations consisting of: surface water withdrawal from Deer Creek, diversion out of the Susquehanna River Basin and consumptive use by diversion. Because there is no request to modify quantities authorized in the Docket, the lowest modification fee in each

category is applicable as follows: surface water withdrawal \$4,320, diversion \$8,260 and consumptive use \$2,480. Because the requested docket modification is more administrative in nature and does not require additional technical review of data, we are requesting a waiver or reduction of the fees. It is our understanding, as specified in paragraph 12 of the effective Regulatory Fee Schedule; the Executive Director is authorized to grant fee waivers or partial waivers of \$15,000 or less.

Let me thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience at 410-272-1600 ext. 233.

Sincerely,

Parley Hess, PE

Assistant City Engineer

Cc:

Kyle Torster, DPW Director

Curtis Ball, Water/Wastewater Superintendant