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ECUA System Modifications May Affect Privately-Owned Sewage Pump Stations Minimizing Adverse Impacts to Customers Is Main Objective

PENSACOLA-The Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA) is in the process of replacing the existing downtown Main Street Wastewater Treatment Plant (MSWWTP) with a new facility, known as the Central Water Reclamation Facility (CWRF). This project includes the installation of approximately 23 miles of transmission force mains, the construction of three regional pump stations, and the upgrade of several existing ECUA pump stations.

These changes in the ECUA collection system may adversely impact privately-owned pump stations that connect to the ECUA collection system. As a result, the ECUA is now working to identify the location of these potentially-impacted stations, and determine the possible extent of the impact. If it is determined that a pump station requires modifications in order to operate properly when the new ECUA facilities are placed in service, ECUA may reimburse the owner for all, or a portion of, the cost of the modifications.

ECUA has retained professional engineering consultants to assist in this process, and to ensure ECUA customers don't experience service problems in the future.

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The ECUA's goal is to minimize adverse impacts to customers at all times, and provide the highest level of service possible. As such, ECUA will be distributing a questionnaire and information on qualifying for reimbursement to approximately fifty (50) potentially-affected pump station owners. Additionally, any other pump station owners who believe they could be affected by these changes are asked to contact the Authority and to obtain the questionnaire and related information. To ensure that all is ready for the start-up of the new plant, questionnaires should be completed and returned to the ECUA no later than May 1, 2010.

The questionnaire and map showing the areas where pump stations could potentially be affected can be obtained at the ECUA offices, 9255 Sturdevant Street, Pensacola, Florida 32514, or online at www.ecua.org/wwtp/default.asp.

For any project-related questions or concerns, contact Keith Fell, project engineer at 969-3310 ext. 2838, Nathalie Bowers, public information officer at 476-5110 ext 2115, or Jim Roberts, public information officer at 476-5110 ext 2245.

About ECUA: Originally founded as the Escambia County Utilities Authority in 1981, the ECUA is a local governmental body, existing under the laws of the State of Florida and provides sanitation, water, and wastewater services. The ECUA's name was officially changed to the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority on June 29, 2004.

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