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Mr. Jeff Richardson, County Executive
Albemarle County
401 McIntire Road
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Ref: Termination of the Buck Mountain Surcharge

Dear Jeff,


The Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority Board approved the attached “Joint Resolution” to terminate the Buck Mountain Surcharge implemented in 1983, at the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2019. To terminate the surcharge, this Resolution must be approved by the Bond Trustee, the RWSA Board, City Council, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors and the Board of Directors of the Albemarle County Service Authority (ACSA).


The surcharge was originally intended to fund some of the cost to purchase the Buck Mountain property, located near Free Union in Albemarle County. The intended purpose of the property was to construct a community water supply reservoir. In a “Joint Resolution” of 1983, the City and the ACSA requested the RWSA to purchase the property for the proposed Buck Mountain Reservoir. The City and the ACSA also agreed to collect a surcharge for each new water service connection in the City and in the urban water area of the county. Those funds were allocated to the RWSA to help pay for the bonds used to finance the purchase of the property. From 1984 – 1987, RWSA purchased 1313 acres totaling \$6.95 M for the reservoir site. While the reservoir was never constructed due to the presence of the James Spinymussel, a state and federally-listed endangered species, 600 acres of the property were preserved in 2013 to mitigate the environmental impacts of the Ragged Mountain Dam project. This Resolution states that the parties have agreed that it is no longer necessary to collect this surcharge to pay the long-term debt financing for purchase of the property. The Bond Trustee has approved termination of the surcharge.


Now that the RWSA Board has approved removal of the surcharge, we ask that you present this “Joint Resolution” to the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors at your earliest convenience. The City Council and the Board of Directors of the ACSA will also be asked to approve this “Joint Resolution”. The surcharge will terminate for both the City and the ACSA upon the last approval by the parties.



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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority

Attachment: Joint Resolution to Terminate the Buck Mountain Surcharge