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Good Morning:

The Rural Water Utility has been asked a number of questions about the potential water line over the past month or so. With this email, I will try to answer these questions. If you have any other questions, do not hesitate to contact me accordingly.

1. Where will the water line cross the River?
 - In all probability we will cross the River just up-stream of the Fenton Ferry.

2. What size of pipe will we cross the River with?
 - We will probably cross the River with a 4" pipe. Just to compare, when the Muskoday First Nation was connected to our distribution system, a 4" line was all that was required to supply about 220 homes, etc on the First Nation.

3. Will the Rural Water Utility be able to provide service to Dixon Lake?
 - The Rural Water Utility has the ability to push water to Dixon Lake. Whether or not it is economically feasible will be determined by the terrain and the number of people willing to hook onto the line.

4. Financial Clarification.
 - a. Is the \$5,000 deposit required by June 30, 2023?
 - o Yes, we need to know how many people are committed to the project.

- b. Will the Affinity Credit Union backstop PARWU financially, instead of loaning to individual property owners based on the cost of the installations and the deposits that are paid?
 - It is proposed that the Rural Water Utility would borrow from Affinity and then use those funds to finance the water connections. The reason for this is that the Water Utility can secure the loans for the individual connections without a lot of red tape, such as having the individuals apply for mortgages, etc.
 - c. There is some question about the interest rate.
 - It is proposed that the interest rate float at 1% above Affinity's prime rate. If interest rates continue to increase, the rate charged to the new subscribers would go up at the same rate. Likewise, if Affinity's prime rate goes down, the interest rate on the loan would go down as well.
 - d. Option to pay out the Loan at any time.
 - In our existing agreements with our subscribers, any of them can pay out the loan or make additional lump sum payments at any time without a penalty. This same provision would apply to any new loan as well.
 - e. For clarity, any estimate provided by PA Rural Water includes the installation of a water line into the home up to the water meter. Anything after the meter is the responsibility of the home owner. This would include a float valve, tank and pressure pump.
5. What kind of water holding tank should the connection be hooked up to?
- a. A water tank is preferable to a cistern
 - b. Minimum 150 gallons
 - c. Definition of a curb stop in the rural community
 - A curb stop is a valve that is placed underground (below the frost line) that can be turned on or off from the surface.
6. Will there be a lift station or pump station set up on this side of the river?
- Initially, the plan was to have a pump house (to maintain the pressure in the line) on the north side of the River at the Fenton Ferry. However, if install a line to the area east of the Muskoday First Nation, we may need a second one.



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7. If you bring water into the home but do not access any water, is there still the same flat \$50.00 fee?
 - When the water line is installed, but is not turned on, we charge \$34.00 per quarter.
8. Is the water under pressure?
 - The water is under pressure, but the pressure varies according to elevation and how close one is to a booster station. It also varies based on the amount of water being consumed in the general area at any particular time.

Sincerely,



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