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Mr. Gino DiMauro, President
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RE: Water Service Connections

Dear Mr. DiMauro:

I am sending you this letter to provide you and Miami Beach Association with an important update about how new water service connection requests will be addressed, effective immediately.

As you are aware, the Decision issued by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) at the time of Connecticut Water's acquisition of the Miami Beach Water Company (Docket No. 21-12-07) included an order that no new customers were to join the system until the Department of Public Health (DPH) approved a supply analysis.

Order 8: CWC shall not offer service to any new customers from the Miami Beach Association previously not served by the Company until CWC has submitted to DPH and obtained DPH's approval of an analysis of how CWC plans to meet supply demands and provide reliable service to existing customers of the Company and any new customers.

PURA further defined what would constitute "meeting supply demands" in a subsequent proceeding (Docket No. 23-08-32). A margin of safety, or the ratio of available supply to maximum day demand, of 1.15 or greater is needed in order to consider a supply adequate. Margin of safety ensures all current customers will continue to have adequate water supply under typical demand scenarios.

Connecticut Water initiated a water supply analysis immediately upon receipt of DPH approval in May 2024 to activate the Miami Beach wells for water supply use via the Soundview treatment facility. The margin of safety calculated as part of that water supply analysis was below the minimum threshold of 1.15.

As a result of the available margin of safety, Connecticut Water is not permitted to add additional customers to the Miami Beach water system at this time.

We are keenly aware of the interest of many residents in Miami Beach to join the water system. Toward that end, we have initiated design of an expanded treatment facility that would provide additional water supply to the system. This project is expected to increase the margin of safety over the required 1.15 ratio and provide an opportunity for additional customers to join the system. However, we expect a significant treatment construction project such as this will not be completed for at least 2-3 years.

In the interim period, Connecticut Water requested DPH to allow new customers to connect to the water system when there was a demonstrated public health need. DPH approved this exception request.

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Circumstances that would constitute a public health need are defined below for your reference.

1. An existing well on a property does not produce enough water to meet the design criteria for residential properties as defined in CGS Section 16-262m-8. A letter from the Health District stating the well production does not meet CGS Section 16-262m-8 is required.
 - a. As an example, for a single-family dwelling, the well should supply at least 0.28 gallons per minute to supply 300 gallons per day over 18 hours of operation.
2. An existing well has contamination that cannot be addressed with treatment, maintenance, and/or cleaning. In this case, documentation from a licensed professional and test results from a state-certified laboratory is required.
3. The only viable well on a property does not have sufficient sanitary setbacks as defined by Section 19-13-B51d of the Public Health Code of the State of Connecticut Title 19. A site plan or documentation from a licensed professional is required along with a letter from the Health District stating there are no other potential well locations on the property that would meet Public Health Code requirements.

Your local health district, the Ledge Light Health District, should be the initial point of contact for any residents who think they may fall into one of these public health categories.

Connecticut Water is committed to working toward an improved, long-term water supply situation for your Association. We appreciate your patience as we execute that plan. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 664-6007 or david.peeling@ctwater.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Peeling".

David Peeling, P.E.
Vice President of Engineering