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Bedford Regional Water Authority Ready for Business *Rates adopted; employees integrated*

The Bedford Regional Water Authority (“Authority”) adopted their rates at the June 25th board meeting which also included a public hearing for the rates. No members of the community chose to speak about the rates and the public hearing only lasted a few minutes. The board then voted unanimously (with member Cynthia Gunnoe absent from the meeting) to pass the rates they are available at www.bcpsa.com/customerservice.

The rates were the final element that needed to be approved prior to July 1, 2013 to allow the BRWA to officially be in business and have customers. As of July 1, the Authority will have over 12,000 customers.

“The unity in which the rates were passed is a great way to begin the BRWA,” said Brian Key, Executive Director of the BRWA. “This consolidation process has gone very smoothly based on the incredible amount of work and effort performed by staff to make this an easy transition for everyone.”

The rates were not the only items that the Public Service Authority and City Water and Sewer Department has been working on to transition to the BRWA. The two groups have accomplished a great number of projects including signing employees up for benefits, approving a budget, transferring assets, switching domains, upgrading the phone system, converting the billing system, choosing uniforms, and integrating employees.

Physical evidence of consolidation is also underway with the new BRWA signs being installed this week for both the buildings and vehicles. Both employees and inventory have also started moving into the new current Public Service Authority buildings.

About the Bedford Regional Water Authority:

The Bedford Regional Water Authority (“Authority”) was created pursuant to the Water and Sewer Authorities Act Chapter 28, Title 15.1 code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. In accordance with the Reversion Agreement executed in August, 2012, the Authority was created by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors (“Supervisors”) by resolution dated November 14, 2012 and the Bedford City Council (“Council”) by resolution dated November 27, 2012. The Authority is authorized to acquire, finance, contract, operate, and maintain water systems, sewer systems, sewage disposal and treatment systems.

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