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The Honorable Katrina L. Dunderdale
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Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission
301 Fifth Avenue
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RE: Hidden Valley Utility Services, LP

Docket Nos. Water, C-2014-2447138; Wastewater, C-2014-2447169

To: The Honorable Judge Dunderdale:

On behalf of the Hidden Valley Foundation (Foundation) and our members, we appreciate having the opportunity to review the proposed Joint Petition for Approval of Unanimous Settlement of All Issues (Settlement) of the matters in the aforementioned docket numbers regarding Hidden Valley Utility Services, LP (Hidden Valley). The proposed Settlement was distributed for review to members of the Foundation's Board of Directors (Board) and its homeowner Water Quality Committee (Committee), which was formed several years ago to specifically monitor the water quality issues in our community.

The Board and Committee members are in support of the proposed Settlement. However, there are three observations that we request be given due consideration as the Settlement is considered by you and the Commission. They are as follows:

1. Hidden Valley relies heavily on the services of one key employee, Glenn Fodor. Fodor is the operating engineer for Hidden Valley and has been in this role for approximately 30 years. He holds all of the applicable water and wastewater treatment licenses and has extensive knowledge of the Hidden Valley water and wastewater treatment systems. The Foundation's concern is one of succession and contingency planning; if something serious happens to Fodor, what plans are in place to ensure that daily operations of the water and wastewater treatment systems will continue without interruption?

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2. The proposed Settlement contains a number of significant due dates for various reports, procedures to be performed, etc. over the next several years. Will a “compliance calendar” be created that summarizes all of the key dates? Who will monitor whether or not the various requirements of the agreement have been met or completed by the specified due dates?

3. What are the ramifications to Hidden Valley if they fail to meet any of the terms and conditions outlined in the proposed Settlement? For example, if the iron/manganese is not removed from the standpipe storage tank by October 1, 2024 (Section III, Part C, paragraph #53), are there fines or penalties that will be assessed if the requirement is not completed after a specific period of time to cure?

The Foundation sincerely appreciates the opportunity to comment on the terms and conditions of the proposed Settlement and expresses our support of the Settlement. We appreciate the significant time and effort of all parties in addressing the issues related to this matter.

Sincerely,



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