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MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

By: Robert J. Berner

The month of May was a very productive month for LORCO. The construction crews have been busy taking advantage of the good weather and have started much of the site restoration from the construction project in Eaton and Carlisle Townships. The construction of the project is progressing and over 75% of the collection system pipe is now complete. The crews are working to complete the main transmission lines which convey the wastewater from the fourplex pumping station in Eaton Township to the Water Pollution Control Center in Avon Lake. We are optimistic the November substantial completion date will be much sooner and the system will go into operation ahead of schedule.

The revisions we have been discussing the last few months to the regulation for Home Sewage Treatment Systems (HSTS) have been completed. The Ohio Senate along with the Ohio House of Representatives has passed a large portion of the original language in Senate Bill 110.

There are two key provisions which stayed in the bill which will affect LORCO and our member communities. First, the bill creates specific definitions for determining when a home sewage treatment system is creating a public nuisance. These definitions will become ORC 3718.011. Second, the bill amends ORC 3718.02 (A) (16) (c) which previously stated property owners within 200 feet of a public sewer are required to connect. The revision now extends the distance to 300 feet.

The one point which was removed from the bill, after strenuous objection from the Ohio Municipal League, was the provision which municipalities could not require annexation to provide sewer services. This basically means municipal sewer districts may still require annexation as a requirement to provide sewer services. LORCO is very much opposed to this type of requirement and we will continue to work to provide sewer services to our member

communities without subjecting them to municipal annexation.

I wanted to give a brief update on the status of our legal issues. There is a settlement proposal to be reviewed by all interested parties concerning the City of Elyria lawsuit. We are optimistic this settlement will be approved by all the legislative bodies involved. The settlement will allow LORCO to continue to move forward with our Permit to Install (PTI) sewers in parts of Eaton and Carlisle Townships. It is our hope that with the settlement of this lawsuit we will be able to work positively with Elyria and other communities in the future.

Finally, I wanted to let our members know there will be some changes in the administrative offices at LORCO. Helen Haddox, our administrative assistant, has accepted a new position with another company. She has been an invaluable addition to the LORCO staff with her cheerful smile and warm demeanor. I will miss her organization and insight. On behalf of the LORCO family we wish her the very best in her future plans.

If you have questions about the current status of the project, please call 440-647-4882. Our office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, except Holidays.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

By: James McConnell

Greetings. The policy committee and finance committee will continue to evaluate the rate structure for our customers. They are currently evaluating the equitable rational of our monthly rate plans. We want to ensure our rates are meeting our purpose and goals.

The new system installation in Eaton and Carlisle Townships is going well. Many of the board members have been out checking on the progress of the construction.

Finally, I want to thank our member communities for the hospitality of the last several months. I have enjoyed visiting and hearing your feedback concerning LORCO.

