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MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

By: Robert J. Berner

Summer is quickly approaching and here at LORCO we are excited to see the progress of our construction project in Eaton and Carlisle Townships. The days are longer and the weather has permitted the construction crews to make significant daily installation of pipeline. It is looking like the pipeline mains will be completed by mid summer. This would put us ahead of our construction schedule.

There have been several questions concerning our website in recent months. We are working on keeping information current and accurate. One area we are updating and should have back online soon is our frequently asked questions. We needed to update some of the responses to these questions and we should have this information available in early May. You can see this information at www.lorgo.org.

President McConnell and I have completed our visits to our member townships and will visit the Village of Kipton in May and the Village of Rochester in June. I want to personally thank all the township trustees who have been very gracious in their reception and response to our visits. Last month I mentioned how encouraged I have been during our visits, I also want to commend our township trustees on their dedication and insight into the needs of their communities. The grassroots efforts of local officials and individuals concerned about their communities is what has kept LORCO focused and moving forward for the last 13 years. Thank you again for your efforts.

Last month I mentioned Senate Bill 110 which deals with Home Sewage Treatment Systems (HSTS). Hearings in the State Senate Environment and Natural Resource Committee will be starting in May. We will follow the testimony during these hearings and intend to speak on behalf of our mission and interest of our membership. Our goal is to see the changes proposed to ORC 3718 be both beneficial and economically feasible for our member communities.

There has been some positive progress on the legal battles involving LORCO. Good news concerning the dismissal of the Eaton Township lawsuit. We look forward to restoring our relationship with the trustees in Eaton Township now that this lawsuit has been resolved. I do want to commend our legal councils at Stumphauzer & O'Toole Co., LPA along with Calfee, Halter, LPA. They have done an admirable job at protecting and representing LORCO's interest in these disagreements.

Finally, progress has been very positive with estimates and design ideas for the western communities of our district. We have received some information from Lorain Utilities to consider for areas in their Facility Planning Area within affecting LORCO communities. We will be combining their information with prior studies to continue to find cost feasible means to provide solutions for our communities.

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 has been busy reviewing our tap fee and rate policies the last few months. The board approved a modification to the Tap-in fees for both existing and new customers. This change has made the tap-fees more equitable for our customers. The committee will also be reviewing our monthly service fees over the next several months. Again, our hope is to achieve better equity for our customers.

Also, I want to thank our member communities for the re-appointment of several of our trustees and welcome our new trustees. From Camden Township, James Woodrum, and from Eaton Township, Don Damyanic, have joined the board. Their background and experiences will be a welcome addition to our existing board.

