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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S

REPORT: By: Robert J. Berner

The New Year is upon us and the outlook for 2013 is hard to predict. We had a good year in 2012 with a number of accomplishments to reflect back on and build upon. LORCO is looking ahead and setting some goals for growth in 2013.

First, the results of the feasibility study to provide wastewater treatment services to Pheasant Run Village in LaGrange Township will be our number one priority as we enter 2013. The results of the study will be available in early January. Our challenge will be to evaluate the study and ensure treatment services will cost effectively address the concerns of the community. At the same time we need to be aware of the impact sanitary sewers might have on the neighboring homes in LaGrange Township. Our goal will be to ensure a proper evaluation of the costs and benefits address the problems facing the Pheasant Run community and do not place an undue burden on other areas of the township. We will be seeking grants and low interest loans to build the project should the study prove it to be cost effective.

Second, we will be working to reach that ideal balance between cost of service and rates within our Phase I Project. The biggest challenge will be how to add new customers to the system. This is where 2013 is hard to predict. A number of builders and developers have expressed interest in adding new building lots. The existing inventory of building lots in Lorain County has been dwindling over the past few years. The hope is there will be a renewed demand for new construction in 2013 that has not been present for the last few years. There is

substantial undeveloped land in our Phase I territory that has tremendous potential for new homes. Our hope is 2013 will see a number of developers breaking ground on new building lots.

Finally, we will be working on ensuring opportunities for sanitary sewer services in some of our unsewered communities will develop. The work we did in 2011 and 2012 to bring regional treatment to Lorain County is an important part of providing cost effective means to provide services to communities on the western side of the county. Our hope is we will continue to develop this option and see more cooperative efforts between political subdivisions.

The outlook for 2013 is good. We will remain cautiously optimistic we can bring new opportunities to more communities in our territory. We also will continue to provide our assistance and services to other agencies and communities who can benefit from our regional approach.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

By: James McConnell

The year ahead, as Director Berner expressed, provides LORCO with many challenges but with those challenges comes opportunities. I believe we are on the edge of a new era in our communities. We are turning the corner from being a mere start up utility to becoming the type of organization we all envisioned when LORCO organized in 1997. Even though we will still face obstacles and skeptics as we grow, our board has been steadfast in their commitment to fulfill the mission and goals in which we so strongly believe. In 2013 we expect to see our labors produce more of the results we have worked toward these past fifteen years.

