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Edmund Pamatat, Vice President of Aquisitions
Algonquin Power
2845 Bristol Circle
Oakville, Ontario, Canada L6H 7H7

Re: McLain Public Water Systems

Dear Mr. Pamatat:

This memorializes the intentions of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) with regard to regulatory compliance issues currently outstanding at the following facilities, known as the McLain Public Water Systems:

- Cochise Water Company, PWS #AZ0402011
- Horseshoe Ranch Water Company, PWS #AZ0402046
- Miracle Valley Water Company, PWS #AZ0402023
- Coronado Water Company, PWS #AZ0402013
- Crystal Water Company, PWS #AZ0402074
- Mustang Water Company, PWS #AZ0402054
- Sierra Sunset Water Company, PWS #AZ0402055

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ADEQ understands that Algonquin is in the process of acquiring the above-referenced facilities. As you know, these public water system facilities have been determined to be in noncompliance with statutory and regulatory provisions set forth in A.R.S., Title 49, Chapter 2, Article 9 and implementing rules. These violations are set forth in more detail in Notices of Violation and Consent Order P-163-02, copies of which are contained in the ADEQ files. Any purchaser of the facilities will be required under Arizona law and regulations to bring the facilities into compliance. ADEQ's primary concern is that the customers of these public water system facilities receive a safe and reliable supply of drinking water into the future.

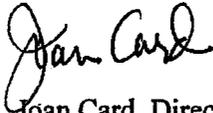
ADEQ intends, consistent with its statutory and regulatory obligations and with its enforcement policies, to provide a subsequent purchaser, such as Algonquin, with a reasonable and meaningful time period within which to bring the facilities into compliance. ADEQ intends to reach an agreement with Algonquin, once Algonquin owns the facilities, as to the appropriate schedule for achieving compliance with applicable statutes and rules. When Algonquin becomes the owner of the systems, ADEQ will commence discussions with Algonquin regarding an enforceable schedule. The enforceable schedule will be in the form of a standard consent order, consistent with ADEQ's compliance and enforcement policies.

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We trust that this letter effectively communicates our desire to begin discussions with Algonquin, once the sale of the facilities is completed. We recognize the significant public health and convenience issues that have impacted so many customers of these water systems. We pledge our commitment to an efficient and speedy resolution of these matters, with the understanding that Algonquin will be committed similarly to work toward the goals of ensuring that the affected customers will obtain a safe and reliable drinking water supply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Card".

Joan Card, Director
Water Quality Division

cc Stephen A. Owens, Director
The Honorable Arizona Corporation Commissioners
Arizona Corporation Commission Utilities Staff
Bankruptcy Trustee