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**Reference: DELCORA Act 537 Plan Update – Prepared by Gannett Fleming dated July 1, 2020**

As reported at the July Supervisors meeting, this regional sewage planning effort is being undertaken for the transfer of all DELCORA assets to Aqua. I have reviewed the narrative of the document and have the following comments:

1. Section 1.1 references prior ACT 537 Planning studies. There were prior plans this office reviewed and commented on, not listed (i.e. 2013 537 Plan update for Eastern Service Area). We question whether the list of plans is complete.
2. In Section 2.1 Newtown Township is not specifically listed as in the service area. (There are documents later in the plan that show the Township is a member of Central Delaware County Authority as reference to the discharge to Radnor-Haverford-Marple Authority).
3. Section 6.3 discusses the purchase price of \$276,500,000.00 and indicates a portion of that price will be used to pay down existing debt and the balance re-invested in a DELCORA Customer Trust. No detail on the amount of debt pay down and balance have been provided. The Trust is intended to offset future customer bill increases, but again with no specificity.
4. The Section regarding Future Growth and Land Development indicated Newtown has the potential to introduce 36 EDU's / 9,450 Gallons per Day. This should be verified by the Newtown Township Sewer Authority.

The Township will be asked to prepare and adopt a Resolution of Support (Sample attached) at one of the September Board meetings.

The next ACT 537 Plan being undertaken is an alternatives analysis to continuing Delaware County's agreement for treatment with the Philadelphia Water Department. This was the subject of the 2013 Plan updated referenced above. The result of that study was to maintain the then current arrangement and the Agreement was re-negotiated in April of 2013.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

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**Reference:** DELCORA - Act 537 Update for Asset Transfer to Aqua

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