



Metropolitan Sewerage District

OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

May 18, 2012

Mayor Terry M. Bellamy
Asheville City Hall, 2nd Floor
70 Court Plaza
Asheville, NC 28801

Re: Recommendation of Legislative Research Commission

Dear Mayor Bellamy:

As you are aware, the Committee on Metropolitan Sewerage / Water System of the Legislative Research Commission has recommended that the 2013 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly consolidate the City of Asheville's water system with the Metropolitan Sewerage District.

The Committee's recommendation includes an option for the "interested governments" to "craft their own solution for consolidation." The recommendation notes further that the General Assembly will not take action if the parties are engaged in good faith negotiations.

The MSD board is developing a Request for Proposals for a study of the impact of a possible consolidation of the water and sewer systems on MSD ratepayers. A draft of the RFP will be circulated to the City of Asheville for review and comment.

MSD Board and staff are available to meet with representatives of the City to consider the Committee's recommendations and to discuss a process going forward. If the City is interested in meeting with MSD Board and staff to discuss these matters, please have Gary Jackson contact Mr. Hartye to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,

METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT

Steven T. Aceto, Chairman

cc: MSD Board

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