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Town of Norwood and Union County Enter Water Intake and Transmission Agreement

MONROE, NC (May 6, 2013) – The Norwood Town Council and Union County Board of Commissioners each voted Monday night to enter an inter-local water intake and transmission agreement. The Town of Norwood is located in Stanly County. The partnership will allow Norwood and Union to achieve improvements to their respective infrastructure and obtain a long-term secure source of raw water for each of their customers in the Yadkin-Pee Dee River Basin.

Norwood's raw water intake, raw water pump station and raw water transmission line will need costly improvements to meet the long-term demand of existing and future water customers. Under this agreement, Union County will build and pay for a new raw water intake for Norwood on Lake Tillery that will replace an aged existing intake facility. Union will also build and pay for a water treatment facility in Union County. Union will also install and pay for a raw water transmission line through Stanly County to move water to the new treatment facility in Union.

The agreement allows both Norwood and Union to secure a long-term, reliable raw water supply, transmission system and finished water production through a regional and inter-governmental approach without either party giving up control over customer base or service area.

A six member advisory board made up of two elected officials from each party, along with Norwood's town manager and Union's public works director will be created to receive updates and provide advice on the operation of the raw water intake.

Permitting, design and construction are expected to take 7 to 10 years. Union will make annual payments to Norwood up to a total of \$1 million for their cooperation in the partnership and input into the project. Upon project completion, Union will make a monthly payment to Norwood based on the amount of water transmitted to Union's water treatment facility..

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