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### News Release

#### Commissioners Extend Water Agreement with Lancaster

**May 6, 2014, Monroe, NC** – The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday approved a two-year extension of an agreement with the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District for Union County to receive 3 million gallons per day (mgd) of water from the Catawba River Water Treatment Plant.

In 1992, Union County and the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District entered into a joint venture agreement for joint ownership of the Catawba River Water Treatment Plant. The plant is permitted at 36 mgd, of which Union and Lancaster each own 18 mgd of capacity in the plant. The agreement between Union and Lancaster allows for a transfer of excess water capacity.

In February 2012, Union County entered into a five-year lease with Lancaster that allowed Union County to receive 3 mgd of Lancaster's unused water capacity. Union County provides a monthly lease payment of approximately \$25,000.

"With the original lease of this capacity to Union we were able to forego an expansion of the water treatment plant to meet our water supply needs," said Union County Executive Director of Public Works Director Ed Goscicki. "Based upon Lancaster's and Union County's flow projections for the next five years, we believe that extending this agreement for two additional years will continue to provide Union County the water capacity we need without having to move forward with a plant expansion and still provide adequate capacity to meet Lancaster's projected needs."

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