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**By Email & Regular Mail**

Tricia M. Caliguire, Esquire, Special Counsel  
McCarter & English, LLP  
100 Mulberry Street  
Four Gateway Center  
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Re: The Mount Holly Municipal Utilities Authority –  
The Township of Lumberton

Dear Ms. Caliguire:

Consistent with our prior telephone conversations, I met with my client last evening at their regularly scheduled public meeting to discuss the issues between our respective clients. You may recall that following the April meeting, I advised you that because several board members had been missing from the April meeting, my board wanted to defer any further decisions with respect to these issues until the May meeting.

At this point, I have not received authorization to meet with you or any other representative of Lumberton Township. Please understand that this decision by the board should in any way be viewed by Lumberton Township as an attempt to delay or stall the discussions between both public entities. The temporary delay by my client is simply needed because the Executive Director and his staff need additional time to quantify all of the facts and calculations that may potentially be an integral part of a funding formula that may benefit your client together with all of the other municipalities that are served by the Authority. Again, there is no purposeful intent to delay this, simply, more time is needed to work on a possible proposal.

I also would like to add that the draft letter to the Department of Community Affairs that I received from you on May 4<sup>th</sup> was not well received by my client as I expected. If your client still believes that there is a need to forward this letter to the Department of Community Affairs, they should understand that this may potentially quell any further discussions between the two (2) public entities.

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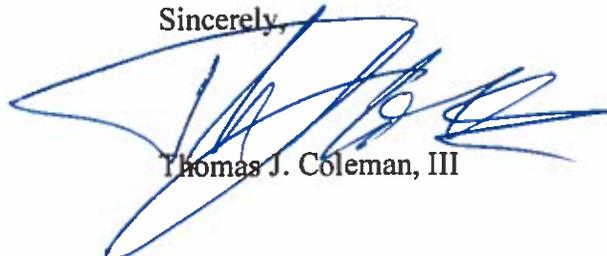
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Finally, while I may have previously advised you verbally, I will at this point officially confirm that no special notification was provided to the Township of Lumberton or any other municipality served by the Authority at or before the budget was adopted. Moving forward, I can tell you that the Authority's Executive Director will implement a new policy to insure that each municipality receives the appropriate budget information in a reasonable time period prior to the adoption of any future budgets by the Authority's board members.

Hopefully, I will be in a position after the June public meeting to schedule a time when the two (2) of us can sit down and discuss the issues between our respective clients.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Coleman, III', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the left.

Thomas J. Coleman, III

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cc: The Mount Holly Municipal Utilities Authority Board  
Robert Maybury, Executive Director  
Brandy Boyington, Secretary