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Re: **Important Update on Centralized Sewer**

Dear Property Owner:

The Pearl River County Utility Authority (PRCUA) is offering the property owners of HAWL a great opportunity to save on the expense of installing the components and connecting your home to the sewer system.

- **GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE ON THE EXPENSE OF INSTALLATION OF ON-LOT COMPONENTS FOR THE SEWER SYSTEM**

Since the bids for the sewer collection infrastructure system were significantly less than anticipated, PRCUA has decided to use the surplus money to assist HAWL property owners with installation of components for the sewer system. For a **limited period of time (SIGN-UP PERIOD)** existing homeowners are being offered all "on-lot sewage components and installation" required to connect to the system at **NO COST**. Existing septic tanks will be capped by PRCUA. Normally the cost of "on-lot sewage components and installation" would be approximately \$4,000 to \$6,000 per PRCUA. There will be a sign-up period beginning with this mailing and continuing through February 26, 2010.

However, it is somewhat difficult for PRCUA to estimate the cost of electrical connections as some of the older homes in the community will not have adequate electrical panels. With this in mind, PRCUA will allow a maximum of \$750 that they will pay to their contractor for providing the proper electrical service from the home to the grinder pump panel. PRCUA estimates that the \$750 allowance will be more than adequate to cover most residences. In the event that the allowance is inadequate, the property owner will **bear the remaining cost**.

- **ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL HELP FROM PRCUA**

PRCUA assesses a "connection" fee of \$400 on all new connections to the system. However, this fee will be **reduced to \$250** for all HAWL property owners who agree to hook-up during the aforementioned **limited period of time (SIGN-UP PERIOD)**.

- **WHAT IS THE SIGN-UP PERIOD?**

It is that period of time from now to February 26, 2010. Complete and notarized applications with a check for \$250 received at the HAWL office during the specified period of time will be deemed signed-up (enrolled). After that date the reduced installation fee will no longer be offered.

- **WHAT APPLICATIONS?**

To sign-up for sewage, the PRCUA requires the property owner to complete the following **three forms**:

1. *Sewer Subscription Application and Contract*
2. *Easement to Install System on Your Property*
3. *Property Owner Agreement for Electrical Connection*

The *Easement to Install System on Your Property* form must be notarized. Our office has one associate certified to notarize for a \$5 fee. The notary will require all property owner(s) listed on the deed with photo identification to sign in her presence the same name(s) that are on the title for the property. Please call the office for availability of notary services. However, you may use any notary of your choice.

For your convenience the HAWL office will collect all connection forms with deposits, payable to PRCUA, and will forward them to the PRCUA office.

- **YOUR OBLIGATIONS UPON SIGNING THE APPLICATIONS**

1. You agree to allow PRCUA contractors access to your property to install onsite components and to have access to your right of way.
2. You agree to hook-up to the sewage system when it is completed.
3. You agree to the current monthly sewage treatment fee of \$24.25 per month plus a \$1.00 handling fee for HAWL for a total monthly fee of \$25.25.
4. The \$24.25 PRCUA fee provides for treating 4,000 gallons of sewage per month, as well as a maintenance fee which will be used to repair or replace defective components at no cost to the property owner. The number of gallons used will be the number of gallons of water used. Amounts in excess of 4,000 gallons will be charged at \$2.15 per thousand.

- **WHAT IF I CHOOSE NOT TO HOOK-UP?**

This was one point that concerned the Board of Directors as they negotiated the right to use the HAWL right-of-way to PRCUA. We have written consent from PRCUA that they will not attempt to force property owners to hook-up. Additionally, the Health Department has also agreed not to force hook-ups, provided the existing septic system is operating properly. The choice is yours. **YOU CAN AGREE TO HOOK-UP DURING THE SIGN-UP PERIOD OR NOT!!!**

- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Two construction project meetings have been scheduled for anyone that has questions. These meetings will be held at the HAWL lodge (lower level) on Wednesday January 13, 2010 at 6:30 pm and Saturday February 6, 2010 at 10:00 am.

Work on the low pressure sewer system for our community is scheduled to begin in January 2010. All existing roadways and paved driveways will be “bored” rather than dug. This project will be ongoing during the next 12 to 15 months. No sewer will start until the PRCUA treatment plant is finalized which is scheduled for completion in September 2010.

- **PLEASE REMEMBER**

SHOULD A PROPERTY OWNER ELECT NOT TO CONNECT TO THE CENTRALIZED SYSTEM AND A MAJOR SEPTIC SYSTEM PROBLEM OCCURS, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL REQUIRE THE PROPERTY OWNER TO CONNECT TO THE CENTRALIZED SEWER SYSTEM AT THE PROPERTY OWNER’S OWN EXPENSE.

Sincerely,

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