

Charles Town Utility Board

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01 RESOLUTION OF THE CHARLES TOWN UTILITY BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THE ROUTE 9 SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT STATE FUNDING PACKAGE

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Pierson, Mayor of
Ranson*

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WHEREAS, the Charles Town Utility Board has a responsibility to provide sewer service to all customers previously served by the City of Ranson and the Jefferson County Public Service District (JCPSD); and

WHEREAS, the Route 9 Sewer Project is within the former City of Ranson and JCPSD service areas; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the Route 9 Sewer Project is to be provided by the West Virginia State Economic Development Office at no cost to the City of Charles Town, and is clearly an advantage to the ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2019, Roxul USA, Inc. (dba Rockwool) requested sanitary sewer service pursuant to Rule 5.5.e of the West Virginia Public Service Commission Rules solely for the property addressed at 365 Granny Smith Lane. This request was to provide service to Rockwool-only for buildout of Phase 1, Phase 1b and Phase 2 of 46,800 gallons; and

WHEREAS, concern is being expressed that a Rockwool-only line would eliminate future available capacity and connections to be made to this line and would impact the Flowing Springs project or a future capital project to serve the area acquired with the JCPSD. Concern is expressed as to how to provide service to that area including the Burr / Bardane Industrial Park that has had constraints for many years. Further, the J.C. Kunkle analysis presented both to the Utility Board and the City Council demonstrates that a Rockwool-only line would affect the timeline for rate equalization and the ability to complete future capital projects without higher rate impacts; and

WHEREAS, that based on the Hatch Chester Route 9 Infrastructure Project Design Report of Sewer, dated May 4, 2018, the cost estimate for the Rockwool-only line is \$9,000,000 with an additional impact to the ratepayers. And that in the alternate, acceptance of the State funding package at \$10,500,000 would allow the capability to provide needed infrastructure for future development, reduce the time period for rate equalization, lessen the rate impact of the Modified Flowing Springs project, and allow for major improvements at the Burr / Bardane Industrial Park; and


WHEREAS, the Route 9 Sewer project funding package is still in place and will convert to a grant at the end of 25 years;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charles Town Utility Board wishes to make the above recitals known, by motion from Keith D. Pierson, Mayor of Ranson, second by Kevin Tester and approved by the four members of the Utility Board, with the Chairman having recused himself from the discussion and vote;


AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this is a statement of recommendation from the Charles Town Utility Board supporting the Route 9 Sewer Infrastructure Project State funding package and respectfully requests that the City of Charles Town City Council approve the Lease Agreement by and between the City of Charles Town and the Charles Town Building Commission and, further respectfully requests that the Charles Town Building Commission approve the 3rd reading of the bond for the Route 9 Sewer Infrastructure Project to receive the State funding;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charles Town Utility Board hereby expressly thanks the honorable City of Charles Town Mayor, City Council members and Building Commission members for their consideration in these actions.



Vice Chairman Pete Kubic

Attest:



Dated: February 21, 2019