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Re: Antlers of Raquette Lake, Inc.  
Long Lake T., Hamilton County

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Dear Kevin:

We are aware that Dean Pohl, the owner and operator of Antlers of Raquette Lake, Inc. public water supply system has petitioned the Department of Public Service for approval to abandon the water system. The purpose of this letter is to advise you that we support Mr. Pohl's efforts to abandon the system and intend to work with the property owners to develop satisfactory individual onsite drilled wells.

The water supply system was originally approved in 1963 and constructed in 1964 to serve a seasonal residential subdivision known as the Antlers. The realty subdivision was approved with individual onsite septic systems and the public water system. The water system consists of an intake into Raquette Lake, a pump, a chlorination system, storage and a distribution system. The distribution system is shallow; the piping is drained each fall and the system is disinfected and recharged in the spring. Water is not provided to the property owners on a year round basis.

In 1993 NYSDOH advised all public water systems using unfiltered surface water that they were required to filter the water, in accordance with the USEPA and NYSDOH Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR). Mr. Pohl was advised in 1993 that Antlers of Raquette Lake, Inc. must install an approvable filtration system or drill wells and disconnect from the unfiltered lake source. Enforcement action was initiated against Antlers of Raquette Lake, Inc. and timetables for compliance were established.

Mr. Pohl has made efforts to comply with the costly regulation; he has provided plans for a filtration system and has drilled a test well. Mr. Pohl however has not been able to come into compliance with the USEPA and NYSDOH SWTR because of the high cost to comply and the constantly diminishing number of customers.

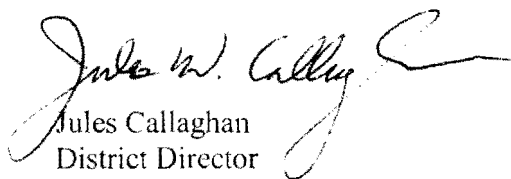
We support Mr. Pohl's request to abandon the system; we are certain that this effort is in the best interest of the property owners of the Antlers subdivision, from a financial and most importantly a public health point of view. The property owners will drill wells; we are aware of drilled wells in the Antlers subdivision with satisfactory quality and quantity. The property owners will have

access to potable water on a year round basis and use of groundwater is highly preferable to using unfiltered surface water.

We are aware that by abandoning this public water system the property owners will be required to install individual on-site wells on lots that were not originally approved for both onsite water and septic. Some lots may not be of sufficient size to allow for separation distances required in Appendix 75-A (NYSDOH Wastewater Treatment Standards – Residential Onsite Systems) and Appendix 5-B (NYSDOH Standards for Water Wells). NYSDOH can and will issue specific waivers from the separation requirements by identifying mitigating measures. We intend to assist the property owners, the Town of Long Lake and the well drillers to develop the replacement onsite water systems that will provide satisfactory sanitary protection of new onsite wells.

Please feel free to call Susan Kennedy, PE Public Health Engineer at (518) 891-1800 if you would like any additional information.

Very Truly Yours,



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