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Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillig  
Secretary to the Commission  
New York State  
Department of Public Service  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223-0948

Subject: United Water New York  
Case No. 06-W-0131  
Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges,  
Rules and Regulations of United Water New York Inc. for Water  
Service

Dear Secretary Brillig:

Pursuant to the terms of the Joint Proposal (JP) between United Water New York and the Public Service Commission, enclosed please find the company's November 2008 filing demonstrating its results pertaining to hydrant servicing and other hydrant related issues as detailed in the Joint Proposal.

All data provided below is current as of November 24, 2008:

- Total hydrants in system - 6,248 ( new installations/newly commissioned - 49 incorporation of South County hydrants into master list - 99 )
- Hydrants serviced - 2,099 (target 2,083 by 11/30/08)
- Hydrants inspected - 2,099 (target 2,083 by 11/30/08)
- Hydrants operational - 6,245
- Hydrants not operational - 3 (details listed below)
- Hydrants used for flushing/flow during servicing - 2,099
- Hydrants replaced as part of 2008 UIRP - 88
- Hydrants (breakaways) raised as part of UIRP - 50
- Hydrants Winter Inspected - 4,715 (as of 11/24/08). The balance of the winter inspections will be included in the June 2009 filing.

**Hydrants Out of Service Detail :**

<u>Hydt #</u>	<u>Out of Service Date</u>	<u>Reason Out of Service</u>	<u>Projected Return</u>
6-136	5-21-2007	Awaiting abandonment confirmation.	Pending
Sterling # 5	Nov. 20, 2008	Difficult to operate	Week of 12/1/08
Sterling # 7	Nov. 20, 2008	Recommendation to town for abandonment.	Pending

**\*\*Hydrant # 6-136** - hydrant is in a remote wooded area of the county that is under construction by a developer and is still at risk of being hit. Hydrant 6-136 is also now behind locked gates and is not easily accessible. United Water recommending abandonment, awaiting confirmation from fire inspector.

**\*\* Hydrant # 5 Sterling** – hydrant found hard to operate on 11/20/08. Placed out of service same day; old style hydrant with no available spare parts. Scheduled for replacement week of 12/1/08.

**\*\* Hydrant # 7 Sterling** - hydrant located in remote wooded area previously targeted for future development. This is no longer the case and is not needed for fire protection for private or commercial dwellings. Potential target for vandalism and theft of service. Recommendation made to town for abandonment.

As of this 2008 filing, United Water New York is still actively conducting winter inspections of all system hydrants and is committed to reporting all such activity as part of our June 1, 2009 filing.

System flushing continued in 2008, picking up where we suspended such efforts in 2007 and continued to be performed on an as need basis for areas experiencing discolored water or taste / odor related issues.

Hydrant inspections performed in 2008 will provide the foundation for an updated first half 2009 plan for raising and or replacing hydrants not satisfying the ground clearance requirement of 12 inches. The 2009 plan will consist of 87 replacements, 28 re-grades and 0 hydrants to be raised.

Please contact me at 845 620-3312 or Jim Schneider at 845 620-3326 if additional information or clarification is required.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Pointing". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "M" and a trailing flourish.

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