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Re. **Board resignation**

Jennings County Commissioners,

Due to the lack of response and support from the Indiana State Revolving Fund and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to solve the financial crisis facing J.N.R.U., the citizens of Country Squire Lakes and Jennings County, we find it necessary to make this decision. We are taking this opportunity to inform the State of Indiana, and the Jennings County Commissioners that effective March 1, 2008; this board of directors, are resigning our positions as members of the Jennings Northwest Regional Utility Board of Directors.

We have worked very hard to solve an inherited problem of a treatment plant that never worked correctly and should have never been approved by IDEM, of which, no one at the state level will take responsibility. We have spent considerable time trying to solve an enormous debt inherited from the previous boards attempt to expand the district without support from the community. This entire burden has been placed on the citizens of CSL.

We would also like to thank and commend former members of the board, for committing time and effort, serving the district for the past five years. All of these members have worked extremely hard, in a thankless job, to change the inherited image of this utility. This board has worked very hard to be open and responsible in all of its dealings.

We feel that this board has had tremendous support and guidance from its professional staffing. The engineering, accounting and legal staffs have gone above and beyond to serve this district.

We would also like to personally thank Jeffrey Fish, Utility Manager, the office staff, and all of the field crew members for doing a tremendous job. They have made our job as board members a lot easier. We cannot say enough great things about what an asset this staff is in the daily operation of this utility.

We would like to encourage the county commissioners to work with the current staff to get involved with the state to solve this problem. We feel the state has the ultimate responsibility to step up to the plate and take responsibility for mistakes made by former State Officials. This problem is not just a JNRU and CSL problem; this is a Jennings County problem.

Sincerely,

Jennings Northwest Regional Utility Board of Directors

Ed Whitaker, President

Linda Clerkin, Secretary

Tom Trulock, V. President

Brian Roney, Member

David Brinkman, Treasurer