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The Honorable Allison Silberberg, Mayor of Alexandria and Members of Council City Hall Room 2300 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: City of Alexandria Combined Sewer System Draft Long Term Control Plan Update Framework

Dear Mayor Silberberg and Members of Council:

I am writing to express Alexandria Renew's support for the City of Alexandria's Combined Sewer System Draft Long Term Control Plan Update Framework ("Framework") to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality ("VDEQ") later this summer. The current Framework proposes major changes to combined sewer outfalls 003 and 004, causing them to be integrally connected to the interceptors and treatment plant owned and operated by Alexandria Renew and relocated to Alexandria Renew property. We both share a common commitment to our community and its citizens for solving the City's wet weather problems in a cost effective manner.

We believe the Framework represents a solution that is environmentally responsible to the citizens of Alexandria. The combination of complementary approaches to reduce combined sewer overflows and mitigate overall wet weather impacts to the Alexandria Renew facilities from the City collection system obtains the greatest environmental benefit and helps minimize long term operational and cost impacts to Alexandria Renew, providing more sustainable rates and infrastructure management.

As you know, Alexandria Renew, formerly known as the Alexandria Sanitation Authority, is a separate political subdivision of the Commonwealth under the Virginia Water and Waste Authorities Act. Alexandria Renew is wholly responsible and accountable for its almost \$1B in infrastructure and its own VDEQ issued permits for environmental compliance. The details of our long-term partnership with the City are set forth in several documents, including the Authority's Charter, our Service Agreement and our respective VDEQ permits. Alexandria Renew is prepared to enter negotiations with the City to expand our long standing partnership via our service agreement to manage the City's wastewater issues. These negotiations will define and plan the financing and conditions around the execution of the City's LTCPU program for each of our staffs. We look forward to beginning negotiations no later than September 1, 2016.

I appreciate City staff's efforts in sharing information with the board as they developed the LTCPU. We look forward to our conversations to solve our water problems together.

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