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Wood County Commission
1 Court Square
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Attn: Mr. Blair Couch, President

Re: IEI Fire Water Consumption

Dear Mr. Couch:

The Board would like to provide you with an accounting of water utilized by fire crews during the arduous task of extinguishing the fire at the former Ames plant that was occupied by IEI. We have calculated that a total of 7.85 million gallons of water was consumed for the period from early Saturday morning to Sunday when the fire was declared to be fully extinguished. The tariff rate for this water is \$5.44 per 1,000 gallons, so the total cost of water utilized would be \$42,704.00.

This fire created a huge strain on the South Parkersburg reservoir as we were unable to pump enough water to maintain normal levels in the reservoir. The Board appreciates the assistance of the incident commanders and the firefighters to reduce usage when requested. We believe, as I am sure you do, that there were many lessons learned during this experience.

We hope that this information is helpful in your negotiations with the property owners and their insurers. If you have any question please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,
Parkersburg Utility Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Bennett".

Eric Bennett, General Manager

cc:

Parkersburg Utility Board
George Zivkovich, Counsel
Eric Bumgardner, Assistant Manager
Erin Hall, Comptroller