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MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

By: Robert J. Berner

Welcome to 2011. As LORCO begins to embrace the reality of having a fully operational Phase I project in 2011 I can't help but reflect on the progress made in 2010. I would summarize 2010 as the year of construction. For all of 2010 the project in parts of Eaton and Carlisle Townships was under construction. Great progress has been made in making LORCO a fully operational public utility serving the rural areas of Lorain County. Now, as we move into 2011 this will be the year for connections. We anticipate completing the construction of the Phase I project early in 2011 and begin the process of getting people connected to the new system. The challenge of connecting over 1,100 existing homes and businesses to the sanitary sewer system will be our main focus in 2011. This is what we have been planning for and I anticipate good cooperation as we continue to move forward with providing affordable sanitary sewer services to the unsewered areas of our county.

The board will be busy in 2011 with new issues. The final decision concerning the rate structure for LORCO customers is still being considered. We have received significant feedback from existing and future customers concerning the single flat rate plan. I anticipate the board will take all of the comments and feedback received from the public into consideration before making a final decision on the rate structure for 2011.

The connections for the Phase I project will also have the board of trustees busy considering new policies and procedures needed. The cooperative agreement with Avon Lake Municipal

Utilities will require some policy clarifications to ensure customers are properly being served. With this in mind, the board will be having frequent policy committee meetings to ensure proper rules and procedures are followed during the connection phase of the project.

In 2011 LORCO will also continue to look at new opportunities to serve the needs of member communities. There continues to be environmental concerns in a number of our member communities which will need to be addressed with some type of sewer infrastructure improvements. We will continue to work together to find reasonable solutions to these challenges.

Finally, I look forward in 2011 to working closer with our county government to address the various sewer issues in the rural areas of Lorain County. Together we can do more and do it more efficiently.

If you have questions about the current status of the project, please call 440-647-4882. Our office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, except Holidays.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

By: James McConnell

As the Phase I project nears completion and the LORCO Board of Trustees considers appropriate rate options and service policies for our customers, remember that LORCO is a non-profit utility whose primary responsibility is to provide wastewater service as economically as possible. This purpose will always be the basis for our actions. We use conservative projections but anticipate results that exceed our expectations. I want to wish for all our member communities a prosperous year and one that exceeds your expectations.