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Ms. Michelle Swenarchuk
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Dear Ms. Swenarchuk:

Re: York Region Long Term Water Supply Project Lake Ontario Water Supply via Durham West - Preparation of Terms of Reference for the Completion of an Individual Environmental Assessment

The Terms of Reference for the above project are currently being prepared. During the initial round of consultation, your group/organization was identified as an appropriate participant in this project. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a brief background of this project, to enquire as to your level of participation in the preparation and review of the Terms of Reference, and to identify your appropriate contact.

The first set of Public Information Centres for this project was held in February, 1998. We have enclosed an information package featuring material displayed at these meetings. You are encouraged to review this package with the members of your group and determine your group's level of interest in participating in this study.

We are also enclosing a draft of the Public Consultation Plan, which outlines the methods and opportunities for providing input to this project during the Terms of Reference phase and the Environmental Assessment (EA) phase. You are encouraged to review this material with the members of your group, and provide us with your comments.

We are currently organizing follow-up activities such as informal meetings and workshops, to address issues and concerns relating to this project raised by interest groups and ratepayers organizations.



We are scheduling our follow-up activities during the months of May and June of this year. In the meantime, if you wish further information regarding this project, please contact Philip Bottomley (Consumers Utilities, c/o York Region Long Term Water Project Office, 17250 Yonge Street, Box 147, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 6Z1, (905) 830-4444 Ext. 3064.

Yours truly,

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