



## UNION COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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### **Union County to Get More Water from Catawba Plant**

**January 18, 2012, Monroe, NC** – The Union County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday approved an agreement that allows Union County to receive an additional 3 million gallons per day (mgd) of water from the Catawba River Water Treatment Plant.

In 1992, Union County and the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District entered into a joint venture agreement for joint ownership of the Catawba River Water Treatment Plant. The plant is permitted at 36 mgd, of which Union and Lancaster each own 18 mgd of capacity in the plant. The agreement between Union and Lancaster allows for a transfer of excess water capacity.

Over the years, Union County has experienced daily water demands in excess of 18 mgd. Lancaster currently has a peak daily demand for water from the plant of 10 mgd and does not anticipate peak daily demands for water to exceed 15 mgd.

“For the past year, Union and Lancaster have held discussions regarding Lancaster leasing Union County 2 to 3 mgd of their excess capacity,” said Union County Public Works Director Ed Goscicki. “These discussions have led to the creation of an agreement that allows Lancaster to lease 3 mgd of their excess capacity to Union County.”

The five-year agreement goes into effect on Feb. 1, 2012. Union County will provide a monthly lease payment of \$18,341, which constitutes the pro-rata share of Lancaster’s existing debt services for transferred capacity. The monthly lease payment may be increased by Lancaster when it begins making its debt service payments incurred in connection with the plant’s reservoir expansion and existing plant and intake modifications. Lease payment increases cannot exceed 16.67 percent.

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