



TO: Mayor and City Councilors

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1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approved the re-licensing for operations of the Brunswick Nuclear Plant (Units 1 and 2) on June 26, 2006. North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA) Participants are joint owners in the Brunswick Nuclear Plant and the Harris Nuclear Plant, which are operated by Progress Energy Carolinas (PEC). The existing license for Brunswick Unit 2 will expire on December 27, 2014 and the license for Brunswick Unit 1 will expire on September 8, 2016. NCEMPA issued debt to finance the purchase of the Brunswick units and has a schedule to repay that debt based on the original license term of the units. The debt for Brunswick was spread over the original license life of the plant and is scheduled to be paid in full on January 1, 2016. NCEMPA ownership in the Brunswick Plant provides about 24 percent of the capacity and 38 percent of the energy used by the Participants. With this extension, NCEMPA Participants will have a continued reliable and low operating cost generation resource available through the years 2036 and 2034 respectively. This generation provides an additional twenty years of generation than originally projected. The extension of the operating licenses of these plants will provide NCEMPA Participants with additional opportunities to address future issues in the area of power supply planning, financial planning and cost control. This means that Elizabeth City's residents' rates will be very competitive in the future.
2. The rehab work for the Grice Street Sewer Pumping Station is complete. The work included two new 1250 gallon per minute pumps, valves and some structural work on the station. In addition, everything was painted, new windows and doors were installed and landscape work was completed. The old pumps were so worn out that their pumping capacity was little more than half of their rated capacity. Alarms used to go off at this station every time it rained. The original price for the project was \$117,000. However, when we got the wet well portion of the station cleaned out, it was discovered that the corrosive atmosphere had almost

deteriorated the concrete walls. Another \$83,000 was spent to put a liner in the station to correct that additional problem. The City has a total of forty-five sewer pumping stations. Of these, six are major, forming the system's backbone. They are: Water St., Grice St., Glade St., Grace St., Dawson St. and Quality Inn. We have now rehabbed all of the major stations except Quality Inn and this station will be upgraded with a Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant when the Hughes Boulevard sixteen-inch sewer interceptor is installed.

3. Work continues to progress on the sewer main replacement on Roanoke Avenue. The sewer main has been replaced and is in service from Brooks Avenue to the school. The contractor is now working from Brooks Avenue toward Road Street. The work from the school through the intersection of Brooks Avenue will be paved by the end of next week. The project is expected to be complete by the end of July and will be within budget. The old sewer main was in very bad condition and this project will make a big improvement toward the reduction of infiltration and blockages.
4. The annual physical inventory of the City's warehouse facility was conducted this week. Over \$1,500,000 in inventory is maintained in order to provide City services. All items are physically counted once a year in addition to monthly spot checks. Due to excellent internal controls in issuing and receiving inventory, adjustments to the book balance have been very minimal. The count was conducted by Warehouse, Accounting, Electric Distribution, and Water/Sewer Maintenance staff. The Finance Director observed the count process and would like to express her appreciation for all who assisted with an outstanding physical inventory.
5. Today is the last day of the City's fiscal year. Finance staff will begin the process of closing out the books for the year and rolling over the new budget. The close-out process will continue through July and the auditors will return in July to finalize their field work. Staff will then begin preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which is due in October.
6. The Elizabeth City Police Department is finalizing its preparations for the 2006 National Night Out which will be held at Waterfront Park on Tuesday, August 1st from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. This year's event has over 140 different demonstrations, events and displays with another 30 additional events in the planning process. This year's National Night Out is twice as large as the 2005 event, which was the City's largest ever, and will feature a Coast Guard rescue demonstration as well as other military recognitions. Lt. John D. Young is spearheading this effort, which provides a night for law enforcement and the community to come together to support anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and

- foster police-community relationships in our ongoing battle to combat crime.
7. Thanks to the Museum of the Albemarle, the City Parks and Recreation Department will relocate an old monument that once stood in the downtown parking lot at the site that was first chosen for the Museum. This attractive monument shows the original 77 lots surveyed for what is now Elizabeth City. The Parks and Recreation Department will prepare a concrete base covered with brick, as used in other areas around Mariners' Wharf, on which to erect this historical monument.
 8. Twenty police officers, including acting squad supervisors, attended Taser training this week and were certified to operate and use this less-lethal device. The Taser gives the officers an additional alternative to apprehend violent suspects rather than employing the use of deadly force.
 9. The Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting district softball and baseball tournaments over the next two weeks. The Enfield ball fields will be the site of the Dixie Youth Softball Tournament for girls ages 7-15. Four age groups will compete for district titles on July 7th, 8th, and 9th. The streets will be closed and vehicular admission will be controlled at three gates. From July 12th thru 16th, Holmes Field at Knobbs Creek Park will host the District Babe Ruth Baseball tournament for ages 13-15.
 10. The City's Electric Department received an award during the North Carolina Department of Labor's Annual Safety Award banquet held last Monday evening for completing one year without a work related injury. I would like to congratulate the Electric Department's employees for a job well done!
 11. All City offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. Tuesday's garbage collection routes will be worked on Wednesday, July 5.
 12. The Pasquotank Arts Council will hold its July Harbor Nights Music Series on Tuesday, July 4 in conjunction with the holiday fireworks. Festivities will commence at 5:30 p.m. at Mariners' Wharf Park with music, food, displays and crafters. The fireworks, sponsored this year by the Convention and Visitors' Bureau, Pasquotank County, The Daily Advance, Crimeline and the City of Elizabeth City will begin over the Pasquotank River at 9 p.m. The fireworks launching site will be the concrete pads near Moth Boat Park which were used previously. Great viewing should be available at any of the City's waterfront parks. As a reminder, the Mariners' Wharf Parking Lot will close at 2 p.m. to allow for vendor and display setup.

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