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## *Marine Resources Commission*

*2600 Washington Avenue*

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*Newport News, Virginia 23607*

Molly Joseph Ward  
Secretary of Natural Resources

John M.R. Bull  
Commissioner

June 29, 2016

James River Water Authority  
Attn: Steven Nichols, Fluvanna County Administrator  
132 Main St, P.O. Box 540  
Palmyra, VA 22963

Re: VMRC #14-0343

Dear Mr. Nichols:

This is to inform you that the Marine Resources Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 28, 2016, considered your request to install a 5.82 MGD raw water intake along the north bank of the James River and a submerged waterline beneath the Rivanna River, near the Town of Columbia, in Fluvanna County.

The Commission reviewed a staff presentation, all documents in the official record, and carefully considered your testimony as well as that of David Saunders, Joe Hines and George Bialkowski. After careful deliberation and evaluation of the factors contained in §28.2-1205 of the Code of Virginia, the Commission voted unanimously to approve your project, finding that the anticipated public and private benefits exceed the anticipated public and private detriments.

The approval was contingent on an instream work time-of-year restriction (TOYR) of March 15 to June 30 to protect anadromous fishes and freshwater mussels, a mussel survey and relocation prior to construction, as well as an additional August 15 to September 30 TOYR to protect State-listed mussel species. Additionally, the Commission voted to hold the permit in abeyance until an easement or right of access across Mr. Bialkowski's property is obtained.

Upon receipt of your documentation for the aforementioned easement or right of access, a permit will be prepared and forwarded to you for signature and payment of the permit fee.

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Mr. Randy Owen of my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Watkinson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tony Watkinson  
Chief, Habitat Management

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cc: Mr. John M. R. Bull, Commissioner  
Mr. Matthew Hull, Assistant Attorney General  
Mr. Christian Goodwin, Louisa County Administrator  
Agent