



CITY OF DANBURY

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DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

COMMON COUNCIL

REPORT

January 4, 2006

Mayor Mark D. Boughton
Members of the Common Council

Re: **Request to Connect to City Water at 792 Ridgebury Road**

The Common Council Committee appointed to review the request to connect to City water at 792 Ridgebury Road met on December 13, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Third Floor Caucus Room in City Hall. In attendance were committee members Diggs and Teicholz. Also in attendance were Director of Public Works William Buckley and Deputy Corporation Counsel Eric Gottschalk.

Ms. Diggs noted the positive recommendation from the Planning Commission. Mr. Buckley stated that he and Attorney Gottschalk issued reports pertaining to this issue and he would recommend approval subject to the petitioner receiving permission from the water company to connect to the City's system and a rate being set at 150% more than our rate at any given time. If our rates go up, their rates go up.

Attorney Gottschalk said that the Common Council has the authority to approve arrangements to provide utility service to properties in other jurisdictions. A similar request was granted in 1994 and that approval referred to increased rates. It is not required to impose this rate, but there is a benefit to consistency. Ms. Diggs asked if the 150% rate has always been that high. Mr. Buckley said that rate is very low. Acquarian's rate is probably three times as high. Ms. Diggs asked if the petitioner had received the needed permission. Mr. Buckley did not know the answer.

Ms. Teicholz made a motion to recommend approval of the request subject to the conditions contained in Mr. Buckley's report dated October 12, 2005. Seconded by Ms. Diggs. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN ESPOSITO

N. JANE DIGGS, Chairman

MARY TEICHOLZ