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Western Virginia Water Authority to Hold Open House and Public Hearing on Proposed Water and Sewer Rates in Franklin County on Monday, December 8, 2008

ROANOKE, VA – The Western Virginia Water Authority is purchasing several privately owned groundwater systems located near Smith Mountain Lake; the Waterfront, Waters Edge, the Boardwalk and Contentment Island. These water systems currently serve about 1,150 customers.

The Western Virginia Water Authority and Franklin County are also purchasing the Westlake Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant, located off Booker T. Washington Highway (S.R. 122), will serve the Westlake Sewer Overlay District.

A Public Hearing on proposed water and sewer rates will be held at Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Drive in Moneta, at 7:00pm on Monday, December 8. This public hearing will give the users of the water and sewer facilities of the County of Franklin and the owners, tenants and occupants of property served the opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed rates, fees and charges.

The Authority will also host an Open House before the Public Hearing to allow residents and property owners the opportunity to learn more about the water and wastewater services offered by the Western Virginia Water Authority. This Open House will begin at 5:30pm and will also take place at Trinity Ecumenical Parish.

The Western Virginia Water Authority was formed on the premise that a regional approach to water and wastewater services would allow for greater operational flexibility in times of drought and emergency. By purchasing these systems in Franklin County, the Authority is able to help a regional neighbor and allow for future interconnections that will benefit all our customers.

Additional information about the Western Virginia Water Authority is available by calling 853-5700 or on our website at www.westernvawater.org.

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