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To Whom It May Concern:

The North Carolina Environmental Management Commission will hold three public hearings to receive comments on its draft determination to grant an interbasin transfer (IBT) certificate to Union County. This letter is being sent to you to provide notice of the upcoming public hearings, as required in state statute G.S. 143-215.22L(j). The public hearings will start at 6:00 p.m. and will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at the Town of Norwood Community Building, 247 West Turner Street, Norwood, NC 28128; Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at the Anson County Hampton B. Allen Library, 120 South Greene Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170; and Thursday, September 1, 2016 at the Union County Government Center, Room 118, 500 North Main St., Monroe, NC 28112. The supporting environmental documents will be available for review two weeks prior to the public hearings at: <http://deq.nc.gov/node/82567> as well as through the North Carolina Department of Administration State Environmental Review Clearinghouse.

The Union County Public Works Water System (Union County) is a provider of drinking water to citizens of Union County, excluding the City of Monroe, serving customers in both the Catawba River IBT basin and the Rocky River IBT basin. Union County is requesting a transfer of 23.0 million gallons per day (mgd) from the Yadkin River IBT basin to the Rocky River IBT basin, calculated on an average day of the maximum month basis, based on state regulations. The requested transfer amount is based upon 2050 water demand projections to meet anticipated growth in Union County's Rocky River IBT basin. The proposed transfer will require the construction of a new water intake on Lake Tillery in the Yadkin River IBT basin, near the location of the existing intake for Norwood.

The purpose of this announcement is to encourage interested parties to attend and/or provide relevant written and verbal comments. Division of Water Resources staff requests that parties submit written copies of oral comments. Based on the number of people who wish to speak, the length of oral presentations may be limited.

If you are unable to attend, you may mail written comments to Kim Nimmer, Division of Water Resources, 1611 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1611. Comments may also be submitted electronically to dwr.ibt@ncdenr.gov. Mailed and emailed comments will be given equal weight. All comments must be postmarked or emailed by October 3, 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kimberly Nimmer'.

Kim Nimmer
Interbasin Transfer Coordinator