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AG Praises New CRRA Administration For Reworking Truck Transfer Deal

HARTFORD, Conn. – Attorney General Richard Blumenthal has praised the board of directors and management of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority for renegotiating a deal, entered into by the previous CRRA administration, which had resulted in the transfer of CRRA-owned trucks and trailers to a private contractor.

The new CRRA Board of Directors, formed when the Legislature reconstituted the agency in 2002, renegotiated the deal and regained possession of the trucks and trailers.

“We appreciate this validation of our actions from the Attorney General,” CRRA Chairman Michael A. Pace said. “It’s gratifying to hear him recognize our efforts to serve the best interests of the people of our member cities and towns. We will promptly take the additional steps he recommends in his report.”

In 2001 the contractor, CWPM, received title to the fleet of trucks and trailers, worth \$1 million, as part of an agreement to operate CRRA’s transfer stations in Watertown and Torrington and transport trash from those transfer stations to the Mid-Connecticut Project waste-to-energy facility in Hartford. Using CWPM to perform those services saved CRRA about \$1.6 million per year over what a previous contractor had charged.

Under this agreement, crafted by CRRA’s former management, CRRA received no compensation for the trucks and trailers.

After the Enron bankruptcy, in which the Mid-Connecticut Project lost \$220 million, the Legislature enacted a sweeping reform of CRRA leading to the formation of a new board and new senior management team. The new administration’s tasks included reviewing all existing contracts. This led to a renegotiation of the CWPM contract, with the parties agreeing in 2003 that CRRA would regain title to the rolling stock and lease the equipment to CWPM.

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“The new CRRA Board, under the leadership of Chairman Pace and President (Thomas D.) Kirk, and its staff are to be commended for their efforts in regaining title to the vehicles,” the Attorney General’s report says. The new CRRA administration “aggressively sought to rectify this situation and renegotiated its contract with CWPM, regaining title to the equipment.”

The report recommends that CRRA revisit the original agreement with CWPM and have its counsel investigate further the validity of the underlying contract with CWPM. The new CRRA board completely overhauled its procurement policies and procedures in 2003, seeking to attract the largest possible number of bidders for each contract, ensuring the highest quality services at the lowest cost.

The full Attorney General’s report is available at CRRA’s Web site, <http://www.crra.org> .

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is a quasi-public agency whose mission is to work for – and in – the best interests of the municipalities of the state of Connecticut. CRRA’s new board of directors and new management team develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA also runs environmental and recycling educational programs through its Visitors Center and Trash Museum in Hartford and Children’s Garbage Museum in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <http://www.crra.org>.