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MDC, CRRA REACH AGREEMENT

HARTFORD – The Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) and the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRA) have reached an out-of-court settlement over a seven-year long dispute related to the MDC’s involvement with the Mid-Connecticut Project.

The agreement was approved Monday, Dec. 18, by the MDC Board of Commissioners, and Thursday, Dec. 21, by the CRRA Board of Directors. The MDC has agreed to drop its suit in Connecticut Appellate Court challenging an arbitration panel’s 2005 ruling regarding the MDC’s billing of costs for operating the Mid-Connecticut Project waste processing facility.

The agreement was jointly announced by MDC Chairman William A. DiBella and CRRA Chairman Michael A. Pace.

“Over the last several months, CRRA and MDC have developed a new and better working relationship, which has resulted in the more efficient operation of the Mid-Connecticut Project,” Mr. Pace said. “As we prepare to implement the state’s new Solid Waste Management Plan, resolving this situation means we can focus more intensely on our mission of providing cost-effective, environmentally protective solid waste and recycling options for the people of the entire state of Connecticut.”

“The MDC is proud of the services that its valued employees have provided to the Mid-Connecticut Project since its inception 20 years ago,” said Mr. DiBella. “We view this settlement as the beginning of a renewed era of cooperation between the MDC and CRRA.”

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The agreement resolves MDC's appeal of an arbitration award in favor of CRRA and further resolves outstanding issue of a credit for the claimed overcharges, with CRRA agreeing to a reduction of the credit from more than \$3 million dollars to \$500,000, payable by the MDC in either cash or services over the remainder of the contract. The parties exchanged mutual releases, and agreed to modify the existing contract to set forth a simplified dispute resolution process for any potential future claims.

Further, both sides agreed that if either side challenges an arbitration ruling in court, the loser of that court challenge would pay both sides' legal fees. The resolution was accomplished through the efforts of Superior Court Senior Judge Jerry Wagner, who conducted several full days of mediation in an effort to resolve the case.

The MDC is a non-profit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly to provide water and sewerage services on a regional basis. The MDC provides quality water supply, water pollution control, mapping and hydroelectric power services to eight member municipalities, Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor and water to portions of four non-member towns: Glastonbury, Farmington, South Windsor and East Granby.

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 develops and implements environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA's four solid waste projects serve 118 Connecticut cities and towns. CRRA also runs environmental and recycling educational programs through its Trash Museum in Hartford and Garbage Museum in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <http://www.crra.org>.

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