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George D. Bedwick, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

RE: Department of Environmental Protection Regulation #7-533:
Water Quality Management and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit
Application and Annual Fees
IRRC Ref. No. 3227

Dear Chairman Bedwick,

The Board of Supervisors of North Newton Township oppose the extreme increase of fees for the Water Quality Management and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System programs. Some of the fees proposed are 2,000% over the current fee schedule.

While we realize the cost of doing business increases with time, this rate hike is excessive. As an example, township residents who apply for a Small Flow Treatment Facility would face an increase of 400% and be required to pay a new annual fee of \$500. Please consider the impact of these fees to our residents and their effect on development within our township.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Gutshall
Vice-Chairman
North Newton Township
Board of Supervisors