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**RE: Optional Generator Contract Questions**

Dear Interested HOA Communities:

Thank you for your interest in the Water Utilities Department's Optional Generator Agreement for Homeowner's Associations. We have had quite a response over the last year, and have received many inquiries.

In order to update everyone, here are the responses to your questions:

1. What happens if the Contract gets terminated?
  - a. *The Water Utilities Department does not intend to terminate contracts before the 10-year time period. However, if this did occur, the Water Utilities Department would refund a portion of the money paid by the HOA on a pro-rated basis.*
2. What happens after the 10 years is up?
  - a. *If, after 10 years, the purchased generator is in good repair, and both parties agree, contract continues with no further requirement from the HOA. If after 10 years, the generator is no longer serviceable, the parties may enter into a new agreement if so desired.*
3. What is the procedure for getting the generator started, once electricity fails?
  - a. *On a rotating basis, Utility employees will come through your area and start up your generators and pumps. The generator and lift station pumps only need to run once or twice per day. Also, there is an emergency phone number listed on the lift station. This is the number to call, should you experience any issues.*
4. Who is responsible for fueling and maintaining the generator?
  - a. *Water Utilities Department refuels and conducts maintenance on the generator for the entire 10-year period.*

5. For those communities which have signed up for the program, the County needs to know your preference for placement of the generator. We've had some requests for placement in the community at the start of Hurricane Season and removal at the end. For it to be placed in your community during the entire season, we need to work together to identify a secure storage area. Others have asked that the generator be placed at an alternate location where Water Utilities has access. If you do not want it located in your community until a hurricane threatens, we will keep it in our storage area, and transport it to your community following the storm.
6. For those HOA's that have signed an agreement this year for a new portable generator, we will contact you when the generator has been delivered, to arrange a meeting with your HOA board for a small ceremony and 'photo op.'

Should you have additional questions, please call Carolyn Shamblin directly at 561-493-6038.

Sincerely,

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