

**SLIPPERY ROCK MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF SLIPPERY ROCK MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY,
SLIPPERY ROCK, COUNTY OF BUTLER, COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA, OPPOSING THE DISSOLUTION/SALE OF THE
SLIPPERY ROCK MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY.**

WHEREAS, the Slippery Rock Borough Council enacted Ordinance No. 174 on October 7, 1954, authorizing the formation of the Slippery Rock Municipal Authority (“Authority”); and,

WHEREAS, the Authority was incorporated on October 20, 1954, under the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, P.L. 382, as amended and codified (the “Act”) 53 Pa.C.S §§ 5601 *et seq*; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has continued to operate and to provide water treatment and distribution and sanitary sewer collection and treatment services for its customers located in the Borough; and,

WHEREAS, the Slippery Rock Borough approved the extension of water to residents of the Township in 1985 and the extension of sanitary sewer service to the Slippery Rock Township in 1987; and,

WHEREAS, the Slippery Rock Borough Council has undertaken a study to determine if it is going to dissolve and/or sell the assets of the Authority to a private entity; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority and Slippery Rock University have cooperated in the success of the Authority; and,

WHEREAS, the University has made significant capital contributions to the water and sewer infrastructure of the Authority to the benefit of customers both in the Slippery Rock Borough and in the Slippery Rock Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the Slippery Rock Municipal Authority desires to formally state its opinion opposing the dissolution and/or sale of the Authority and/or its assets, and to communicate such opposition to Slippery Rock Borough Council.

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Slippery Rock Municipal Authority believes that the dissolution and/or sale of the assets of the Authority would not be in the best interests of its customers and the communities it serves for the following reasons:

- A. The Authority has a history of lower rates than those which would be charged by a private entity operating to make a profit.
- B. The Authority has, and will continue to have, service rates which will be lower than private companies would charge customers for water and sewer service.
- C. The investment of dollars by customers in the communities will stay in the local communities. Moreover, the monies invested by the charges paid by water and sewer will continue to be focused on and spent only on water and sewer needs.
- D. The Authority does not export in bulk or bottle water; water resources are used within the community. Private companies can export and/or bottle water creating huge profits, carrying disastrous consequences – such as over-extracting aquifers that can never be restored.
- E. The Authority is governed by an unpaid Board comprised of customers of the Authority who have a stake in its efficient operation and the promotion of customer service and community goals.
- F. The Authority has a history of providing timely and efficient service to its customers and continuing to have local governance and control means that the Authority can continue be more responsive to its customers.
- G. The Authority has made substantial investment of dollars and conducted engineering studies to determine the improvements needed to its water treatment and sewage treatment facilities as part of a long-term capital improvement plan to ensure continued quality drinking water and sanitary sewage treatment for its customers. The plan will need to be implemented soon to achieve its goals.
- H. The elimination of the Authority would result in:
 - 1. Slippery Rock Community Park paying for the water and sewer used at the park.
 - 2. Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Department paying for the water and sewer used at the fire station.
 - 3. Slippery Rock Borough paying for the water and sewer used at the municipal borough building.
 - 4. Both the Borough and Township paying an annual “ready-to-serve” fee for each hydrant within its municipal boundaries.

5. The Slippery Rock Borough billing and collecting for garbage services which the Authority currently does for free.

For the above reasons, the Authority believes that it is not in the best interest of its customers for the Authority to be dissolved or that its assets be sold to a private corporation.

RESOLVED this 5th day of May, 2010.

ATTEST:

SLIPPERY ROCK MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Benny Markon
Secretary

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Chairman

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