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Thurmon L. Deloney II, President Governors Grove Homeowners Association 5718 Governors Pond Circle Alexandria, VA 22310-2339

Dear Mr. Deloney:

I received your letter dated November 4, 2009, regarding the level of water pressure being delivered to your residence and neighborhood.

You indicated that the water pressure at your home (42 pounds per square inch (psi)) was insufficient for fire protection. I understand that the Fairfax County Fire Department has since conducted fire flow testing in the Governors Grove community that has confirmed that adequate fire flow exists to conduct fire-suppression operations and that these test results have been shared with you (enclosed). I appreciate the efforts of the Fire Department to provide this assurance of adequate fire protection and I hope this has reassured you and your neighbors.

As for delivery pressure, the Virginia Department of Health, our regulatory agency, requires a minimum pressure of 20 psi. The 42 psi delivered to your home is double this minimum requirement, leading Fairfax Water to conclude that the property is adequately served. Fairfax Water is a public, non-profit utility, and cannot justify burdening its customers with the cost of system improvements for service that is already adequate.

Please feel free to call me if you have questions or would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely.

Charles M. Murray General Manager

Cc: The Honorable Jeff C. McKay, Supervisor, Lee District
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