

EXHIBIT A

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8/4/2026

To: Mayor Johnny Magee
Laurel, Ms.

From: Mike Necaise
Water Company of America
Region Manager

Statement of Work

A. Purpose and Objectives

To provide professional services to the City of Laurel related to conducting an analysis of what financial impact to the City would result from replacing its water meters with more modern ones along with upgrading its manual meter read system with a modern one where reads can be captured at a single point referred to as an AMI system.

B. Scope of Work for Water Company of America

1. Conduct an analysis of the City's existing water and sewer revenue.
2. Review the City's existing meters and determine approximate age, overall condition, and monthly usage.
3. Benchmark the City's average water usage against other similar cities throughout the southeast region to determine where the City ranks among its peers.
4. Review the City's expense budget for water and sewer meter reading and billing activities to see how a modern AMI meter reading system could impact these related costs.
5. Prepare a Financial Forecast to determine what financial impact to the City would result from any revenue enhancement from meter upgrades and replacements, and any expense reductions from implementing a modern meter reading system.
6. Provide the City with estimated cost estimates for meter replacements and new meter reading technology.

7. Submit the City with an overall financial plan that would take into account any revenue enhancements related to meter upgrades, and expense reductions related to new meter reading technology that would replace the need to support a manual meter read system that currently exists.

C. Certain Duties of the City of Laurel

Provide WCA with current financial and budgetary information such as:

- a. 3 years of history of detailed actual revenue and expenses for the Water and Sewer Utility Fund.
- b. Current 2026 budget of detailed revenue and expenses for the Utility Fund.
- c. A list of job titles along with pay rates, fringe benefits, or contract amount paid for each position engaged in billing and meter reading functions.
- d. Note: Water Company of America periodically receives City billing data and the City will need continue to do so throughout the full contract period that exists with our original agreement.
- e. Any other information that would be needed to fulfill the scope and objectives of this agreement.

D. Term

The City shall allow Water Company of America 120 days to complete this project.

E. Payment for Services

There will be no compensation paid by the City to Water Company of America for this service.

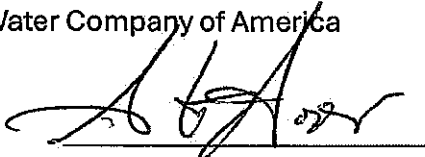
F. Termination

Either party may terminate this agreement by giving a 30 day written notice to the other party of the intent to terminate.

Witnesseth:

ISI / Water Company of America

By:



Steven Hooper, GM

Date:

August 4, 2026

City of Laurel, Ms.

By: _____

Date: _____