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A FLOOD OF FUNDS FOR MERCER COUNTY WATER PROJECT

WASHINGTON, DC. -- U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall (D-WV) today announced that the Appalachian Regional Commission has awarded the Gardner/Turnpike Industrial Water and Sewer project \$740,972 for extension of public utilities into two separate areas.

Rahall said that all that was left was final approval of the \$1.1 million from the Economic Development Administration and all funding would be in place for the project.

The areas affected by the water and sewer service include the Gardner interchange area off of I-77 and the Turnpike Industrial Park near the intersection of I-77 and U.S. Route 460, near Princeton, WV.

The \$2,316,000 project will extend the public utilities in these two areas, creating approximately 140 new private sector jobs and retaining over 300 existing jobs. Local funding will provide \$475,028 of the project costs.

"I am pleased that we were able to provide this necessary leg of the funding for the project," said Rahall. "West Virginia has a tremendous water and sewage problem and I hope that this is one of the first of many grants for our people throughout West Virginia."

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Dear Mr. Moravitz:

I am writing you on behalf of the Gardner/Turnpike Industrial Park water and sewer extension project located in Mercer County, West Virginia. The Governor of West Virginia has recommended that this project be part of the 1992 Investment Program for the Appalachian Regional Commission.

I want to take this opportunity to express my fullest and strongest support for awarding \$740,972 to the Town of Athens for this most important economic development project in Mercer County, and Southern West Virginia. Any favorable consideration given to providing this grant will be greatly appreciated.

Once you have reviewed this matter, and a decision has been made, please advise me accordingly through my Beckley District Office at 110 1/2 Main Street, Beckley, West Virginia, 25801.

With warm regard, I am

Sincerely,

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