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Attn: Ronnie Tutt
Montgomery County Department of Transportation
100 Edison Park Drive, 4th Floor
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Re: 25RMS9285A
Right of Way Abandonment Request
Hyannis Drive in between 8 & 10 Piping Rock Drive in Silver Spring

Dear Mr. Ronnie Tutt,

This letter is sent in response to your petition to vacate the above-described parcel of land, dated September 9, 2024. A comprehensive review of the drawings and our records reveal that the Commission maintains an existing water and sewer house connection within the proposed abandonment area and an existing 8-inch sewer main and sanitary sewer manhole near (or partially within) the proposed abandonment area. Limits of the abandonment area must be a minimum of 10-feet from any asset owned and maintained by the Commission; otherwise, the applicant/petitioner must submit an easement package to the Commission for review and approval. The Commission has yet to receive the easement package for review and preliminary approval.

However, it was additionally determined that the abandonment of Hyannis Drive's Public Right-of-Way would prevent public water and sewer service to the two lots behind properties 10 and 12 Piping Rock Drive, which may lead to the lots being unbuildable. Therefore, even if the above condition is satisfied, and per prior correspondence with the applicant, we will require written confirmation from the property owners acknowledging their understanding of the lots being unserviceable by public water and sewer, thus decreasing the values of those lots, before we can consider approval of this request. No acknowledgement of this information from the property owners of 10 and 12 Piping Rock Drive has been received to date.

Therefore, the Commission **does not consent** to the abandonment request of Hyannis Drive.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me directly at (301) 206-8322, or by e-mail at Mara.Flores@wsscwater.com.

Sincerely,

Mara Flores
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