Commissioner Nick Fish
City of Portland

August 1, 2017

SENT BY FAX AND EMAIL

Mr. David Emme, Manager
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RE: Request for Schedule Adjustment of Revocation Order for Portland Water Bureau’s Cryptosporidium Treatment Variance under 42 USC § 300g-4(a)(1)(B)

Dear Mr. Emme:

On May 19, 2017, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) notified the Portland Water Bureau (PWB) that it will revoke PWB’s Cryptosporidium treatment variance order effective on the date OHA signs a compliance schedule and interim measures agreement (or order), or on September 22, 2017, whichever is sooner.

To help Council make an informed decision about next steps, PWB has proactively engaged the Portland City Council, the Portland Utility Board, Oregon Citizens’ Utility Board, wholesale customers, and the community to share information about the different treatment options and to collect stakeholder feedback.

Protecting public health is PWB’s highest priority. The City will remain in compliance with all conditions in the variance order until the date the revocation is effective (except for, as noted in the May 19, 2017 notification, Section IV.1 (b) B and C of the variance order).

Because of the importance of this decision, we believe that it is critical for the City’s ratepayers, oversight bodies, and other stakeholders to be actively engaged in the development of the City’s compliance proposal.
Therefore, we respectfully request an additional 90 days to finalize our response to OHA. Under this proposed timeline, PWB would submit a compliance schedule and interim control measures to OHA on or before November 11, 2017.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Mayor Ted Wheeler
City of Portland

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