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CAROLINA BEACH OFFERS HELP TO RESIDENTS NEEDING WATER CONNECTIONS TO TOWN WATER SYSTEM AFTER CPU SHUT DOWN

CAROLINA BEACH, NC---The Town of Carolina Beach has complied with the order by the NC Utilities Commission to permanently shut down the Coastal Plains Utilities (CPU) water system in the Wilmington Beach section of town. Those customers have been notified over the past 2 and ½ years via certified letters, door hangers, public notices and news releases that they are required to tie into the Town water system.

Of the 375 CPU customers who were impacted by the April 15, 2004 shut down of the privately owned utility, 92 percent have complied with the Town's notice that they must tie into the town water system. However, there are still about 20 customers who failed to have their water systems connected to the Town before the April 15th deadline.

Town Manager Calvin Peck said the town is sympathetic to the plight of the people who have not complied and currently find themselves without water; however, the Town cannot defy the order of the Utilities Commission or it would be held in contempt and be in violation of a state mandate.

Customers need a New Hanover County plumbing permit and a plumber to tie in to the Town's water system. To help residents, the Town will have Water Department staff available this weekend to install water meters. In addition, some local plumbers have said they would be willing to assist customers who find themselves in this emergency situation.

Gene Gurganious, superintendent of the Water Dept. can be reached over the weekend on his cell phone at (910) 232-1144 to obtain a water meter. The County Plumbing Inspection Office is also willing to assist people in obtaining a permit and give them until Monday to get one. Some local plumbers that people can contact include:

Christian Plumbing, (910) 395-4452

Gary Aldridge, Aldridge Plumbing, (910) 458-9583

Bob Stone, Pleasure Island Plumbing (910) 458-3640

Wanta Peele, (910) 262-3080

Carolina Beach Plumbing, (910) 367-1404.

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