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Betty Jean Grant/Chair of the Erie County Legislature
c/o Robert M. Graber/Clerk of the Legislature
4th Floor Old County Hall
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Ms. Grant,

I am writing to apply for the position of Commissioner at the Water Authority. I have over thirty years of experience in the production and distribution of water. I retired in 2005 as Superintendent of the City of Buffalo's water facilities. During my years there I encountered many of the problems that are common to all water facilities. Equipment failure, treatment problems, broken lines and personnel issues, to name a few. In the course of my job I collaborated with Consulting Engineers, the Erie County Health Department and PESH at various times. I also participated in contract negotiations, arbitration and grievance resolution.

In closing, I feel the knowledge I have acquired in my years in this field would be an asset to the Authority and I look forward to getting that opportunity. I have enclosed my resume which contains my contact information. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Summary of Qualifications

- 32 years experience in the Production and Distribution of Water
- Knowledge of pumps, motors, hydraulic systems, compressors, valves, electrical systems
- Experienced in water filtration systems and chemicals
- Assisted in design and construction of Capital Projects
- Excellent communication skills
- Effective problem solver

Work History

City of Buffalo/Division of Water
Pumping Plant Superintendent (1988 – 2005)
Directed the operation of the City of Buffalo's pumping stations and filtration plant. Duties included scheduling and supervising maintenance of equipment at Colonel Ward and Massachusetts Pumping Stations, Filtration Plant, booster pumping stations and storage tanks. Approving supply orders, scheduling of personnel, job assignments, and establishing work rules. I was also responsible for formulating Capital improvement ideas and assisting Consulting Engineer's.

Assistant Pumping Plant Superintendent (1982 -1988)
Assisted Plant Superintendent in the areas of scheduling and job assignments. Inspected completed work, resolved minor problems and dealt with union grievances.

Pumping Plant Operator (1980 – 1982)
Operated the Massachusetts Pumping Station. Duties included putting pumps on line and taking them off line to maintain system pressure, checking equipment, performing minor maintenance, operating boiler system and keeping a log.

Education

- Niagara University (1967 – 1970) Business Administration, Finance major. No degree.
- Bishop Turner High School (1963 – 1967)