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

Re: *Position of Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority*

Dear Chairperson Grant:

I wish to be considered for appointment to the vacant Commissioner position. My Resume is attached.

Very truly yours,

Peter A. Reese

Attach.

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Education

SUNY Buffalo, J.D. (Cum laude) – 1973

Arizona State University and SUNY Buffalo, Ph.D. studies in Operations Research – 1968-1970

SUNY Buffalo, M.S. in Industrial Engineering – 1968

SUNY Buffalo, B.S. in Industrial Engineering (Magna Cum Laude) – 1967

- Charter Member, New York Nu Chapter, Tau Beta Pi engineering honor fraternity
- UB's Highest Academic Athlete – 1962-66

Tonawanda High School (Valedictorian) – 1962

- National Merit Scholar
- RPI Medal
- Bausch and Lomb Award
- Courier-Express Scholarship
- Nation Honor Society

Professional Experience

Private practice of Law – 1974-present

- General Practice
- Election Law
- Freedom of Information and Open Meeting Law

Roswell Park Memorial Institute – 1973-2000

- Cancer Research Scientist
- Director of Scientific Computing
- Director of Institute Information Systems
- Director of Department of Surgery Medical Research Systems
- Research Professor – RPMI graduate program
- Member of Institute Clinical Research Review Board 1984-1987
- American Statistical Association, Buffalo-Niagara Chapter Chairman 1980-1981
- Association for Computing Machinery, Niagara Frontier Chapter Chairman 1976-1979
- Public Employees Federation steward, convention delegate and Chapter Secretary
- Am-Pol Eagle Citizen of the Year in Science 1982

Falcon Research 1980-1983

- Research Analyst

Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory 1967-1973
- System Engineer
- NASA New Technology Award, Lunar Rover Trafficability and Visibility Analysis 1972

Worthington Corporation 1965-1967
- Engineering Programmer

International Paper Corporation 1963-1965 (summers)
- Woodhandler and Stevedore

Publications

An out of date list of my professional publications is available. I don't need to keep this up to date since I retired from Roswell Park.

Goals as Water Authority Commissioner

The purpose of the Erie County Water Authority is the improvement of the health, welfare and prosperity of the people of Erie County by operating water treatment and supply facilities. See Public Authorities Law §§ 1053, 1054, and 1058. There is nothing in the statute to indicate that the Authority is to serve as a source of jobs for the relatives of public or political officials.

My primary focus as commissioner will be on the effective and efficient operation of water facilities without regard to irrelevant external political concerns. The first step is an analysis of all Authority functions, including facilities and staffing to determine whether the current configuration is the best possible. Following this review, I will attempt to make improvements to ensure that the Authority fulfills its goals in the best interests of the citizens of Erie County. I will also attempt to implement performance based budgeting methods to provide transparency and accountability for Authority activities. My background in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research makes me well qualified for this appointment.

I intend to contribute any salary I receive as commissioner to local animal welfare organizations.