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UPDATE FOR CUSTOMERS: Sansom and S. Juniper Streets, Water Main Break

Dear Customer:

I'm writing to provide you the latest update on the activity around the water main break at Sansom and S. Juniper Streets. Since our July 25 meeting, several actions have taken place.

The week after our meeting, PWD successfully bid the job and it was awarded to JPC Inc. JPC immediately began efforts to mobilize. They were issued a Notice to Proceed on Monday, August 6th and they brought heavy equipment to the site to work from the West side of Sansom Street. Unfortunately, due an electrical fire, PECO had to immediately place generators around Center City, and one was placed directly behind the contractor's construction equipment, limiting the ability of the contractor to work from that side of the street.

JPC mobilized additional excavators to the East side and is working from there for the time being in order to do as much work as possible until the generator is no longer needed or can be relocated. Fencing was also erected for the safety of everyone, especially those who were walking through the wash out to cross the street. General construction signage has gone up around the site, with additional site-specific signage to come soon.

PWD sat down with Midtown Village and the Center City District a couple of days after the July 25 meeting to come up with a signage plan. I'd like to acknowledge the efforts and support of the Center City District and the business representatives who gave their time to assist with the development of this plan. Because of the number of businesses in the impacted area, using individual logos on the signage was not deemed practical. However, signs will be placed strategically throughout the neighborhood. Once the signs are up, if there are any concerns or suggestions, please notify me and I will be happy to see what can be done.

A full time PWD inspector has been assigned to this job. Dan Matour can be found on site every day during construction hours, from 6:00 am – 3:00 pm. Dan can also be reached via email at Daniel.Matour@phila.gov. If there are concerns about deliveries, trash pickup, site maintenance, etc., Dan is the person on site that you can discuss this with.

One final note. Almost every night, 7 days a week, myself and the Water Commissioner, either together or separately, check on the site. We stop in various businesses to see how things are going, we speak to managers, or we make sure the site is well maintained and secure to the best of our ability. We made a commitment to all of you that we will be present and available, and we will continue to do so throughout the duration of this project.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns going forward.

Sincerely,

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