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## Press Release

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Dispute Between: Kutztown and Maxatawny

This is a further update to the public on the status of the dispute between the Borough of Kutztown and the Township of Maxatawny relative to the formation of the Saucony Creek Regional Authority.

Today we have filed our "Petition for Release of Escrowed Documents " with the Court of Common Pleas for Berks County seeking the release of the deed and other documents transferring the land, buildings, equipment and papers related to the so-called "SCRA sewage treatment plant" (but not the Township's sewage collection system) to Kutztown. A copy of the Petition is attached. This action is consistent with our prior public statement indicating that the Borough of Kutztown would seek this remedy, rather than seeking to compel enforcement of the prior intermunicipal cooperation agreements, in light of the Township's continuing intransigence. We will keep the public advised as we move forward.

Our prior public statement also made reference to the recent actions of the Township with respect to the police mutual aid we have traditionally provided to Township residents, without charge. Apparently the Township's proposed ordinance "banning" Kutztown's officers from the Township was precipitated by the Resolution adopted by the Borough (a copy of which is attached) making it clear that any attempt to enter the Borough's existing sewage treatment plant property to install additional pipes would be treated as trespassing, particularly given the recent arbitrators' decision favorable to Kutztown. Contrary to recent public statements by Township officials, the Borough has never suggested that normal operation and maintenance of sewer facilities currently in place and operated by the Township would present any problem. Thus, it is not clear to us what purpose was served by the Township's proposal to reject mutual aid from Kutztown's police, other than generating animosity around a matter that is not an actual issue. We also reemphasize the importance of Kutztown maintaining police patrols of its critical water, sewer and electricity infrastructure located on Borough-owned land in the Township. Furthermore, Maxatawny's actions completely disregard the fact that Kutztown has critical water, sewer and electricity infrastructure located on Borough-owned land in the Township.