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October 28, 2009

Mr. Peter Privitera, Purchasing Agent
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Dear Mr. Privitera:

We are in receipt of your fax dated October 6, 2009, which consisted of two internal letters calling for the award of a contract with Aquarion without bidding. First let me explain that we are not protesting for personal gain, but for the protection of the bidding system.

In recent times, the City of Stamford has become very lax in how they handle the public bidding system which is in place to protect the taxpayers. You can hide behind an "emergency" but, in reality, you knew about this problem in August. Bidding would only add a couple weeks to this project and potentially save the City a substantial dollar amount. At best, the City should put the second phase out for bid.

On Friday, October 2, 2009, I spoke with you in regards to setting up a meeting to discuss this issue. I was told that this would happen, but now it seems that this is not considered to be important. I was told that the bid prices were public information and we could see them. Yesterday, October 6, 2009, I stopped at the Purchasing Office and was told that they did not have the prices. How can you get an estimate? Can we see the contract prices you have with Aquarion? This is required by law!!

It seems in these economic times when bid projects are going so "cheap" it would behoove the City to put the job out to bid to make sure the taxpayers get the best possible price.

Again, I want to reiterate that we are not bringing this up for personal gain but to protect the public bidding system. We will not bid this job
Very truly yours,

M. RONDANO, INC.

Robert Rondano
President

cc: Honorable Dannel Malloy, Mayor
Mr. Michael Pavia, Mayoral Candidate
Mr. Dave Martin, Mayoral Candidate/President of Board of Representatives ✓

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TO: <i>E. Roudanu</i>	FROM: <i>Peter Privitera</i>
COMPANY:	DATE: <i>10/6/09</i>
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RE:

URGENT FOR REVIEW PLEASE COMMENT PLEASE REPLY PLEASE RECYCLE

NOTES/COMMENTS:

As requested.

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October 6, 2009

To: Dannel P. Malloy, Mayor
Board of Representatives
Board of Finance
Peter Privitera, Purchasing Agent

From: Ben Barnes, Director of Operations

Re: Certification and Notification of Critical Emergency Purchase

In accordance with Section 23-18.3 of the Stamford Code of Ordinances, please accept this certification and notification of a critical emergency purchase, namely the installation of water mains and laterals on Hannah's, Larkspur, Cousins and Very Merry Roads. The attached authorization, including written consent of the Mayor, includes the appropriate certification and a description of the reason for making the selection of Aquarion to complete the work.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Cc: Tom Cassone, Corporation Counsel
Lou Casolo, City Engineer

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October 5, 2009

To: Mayor Dannel P. Malloy

From: Ben Barnes

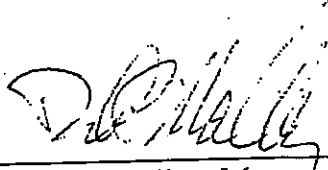
Re: Authorization and Certification for Critical Emergency Purchase – water main extension on Hannah's, Larkspur, Cousins and Very Merry Roads

Please accept this memorandum as my certification that the abovementioned water project meets the definition of a Critical Emergency Purchase under Stamford City Code Section 23-18.3.

Additionally, I am requesting your written consent to waive the competitive bid process in the procurement of the water main and lateral extensions on the abovementioned streets, in accordance with Section 23-18.3 of the City Code. If we do not undertake this work immediately, we will be unable to complete the installation in advance of winter, delaying the project by up to four months, which could increase the exposure of the public to contaminated groundwater.

With your concurrence, I will promptly authorize completion of this work, and the City will enter into an agreement with Aquarion Water Company to complete it by December 15 at a cost not to exceed \$2 million. Aquarion is the sole source for many components of the project, and is the only vendor that can complete the project in this aggressive time schedule by working with their existing contractor.

Kindly sign below to indicate your consent to undertake this critical emergency purchase.



Dannel P. Malloy, Mayor



Date