AMENDMENT NO. 4 to the 4 AUGUST 1987 WASTEWATER TREATMENT CAPACITY ALLOCATION AGREEMENT (Post-1985 Allocation)

This Amendment No. 4 (the "Amendment"), dated the 2nd day of January 2007, among:

LEHIGH COUNTY AUTHORITY, (the "Authority"), a municipal authority located in Lehigh, County, Pennsylvania;

and

BOROUGHS of ALBURTIS and MACUNGIE as well as the TOWNSHIPS of LOWER MACUNGIE, LOWHILL, UPPER MACUNGIE, UPPER MILFORD and WEISENBERG, all municipal subdivisions located in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania (referred to collectively as the "Municipalities).

Witnesseth

WHEREAS, the parties entered into the Wastewater Treatment Allocation Capacity Agreement (Post-1985 Allocation) dated 4 August 1987 (the "Agreement") to provide a procedure for allocating the additional wastewater treatment capacity acquired by the Authority in the City of Allentown (the "City") wastewater treatment facility (the "Treatment Plant") per the 1 August 1986 Agreement with the City (the "1986 City Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the City has decided to release a portion of the 1 mgd of buffer capacity it retained in §5 of the 1986 City Agreement (the "Buffer Capacity Release"), which Buffer Capacity was not included within the Post-1985 Allocation as that term is defined in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement has been revised by amendments dated 1 February 1988 17 April 1991 and 2 August 2000; and

WHEREAS, Article 2 of the Agreement includes provisions on the process for new users to obtain wastewater allocation; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to change some of the process set forth in Article 2;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby represent, covenant and agree as follows:

1. The language of §2.01 shall be amended to read (deleted language is indicated as crossed out language and added new language is underlined):

Section 2.01. Hydraulic Flow. The purpose of this section is to provide the basis for allocation of the treatment capacity available to the Authority as a result of the 1986 Agreement <u>including the Buffer Capacity Release</u>.

An allocation of 300,000 gpd of treatment capacity shall be available to Upper Macungie Township for the proposed Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc. ("BTL") project, to be located in Upper Macungie Township. The initial 150,000 gpd of said allocation ("BTL Commitment") shall be released upon receipt of payment from Upper Macungie Township for the allocation, provided that such payment shall not be made until such times as Upper Macungie Township receives a corresponding payment from BTL and executes a binding sewer service agreement with BTL. The remaining 150,000 gpd shall be held in reserve ("BTL Reserve") through 1 August 1996. BTL shall purchase all of its capacity in accordance with the terms of §2.05.

An allocation of 500,000 gpd of treatment capacity ("Stroh Reserve") shall be available to Upper Macungie Township for the Stroh Brewery ("Stroh"), provided that the Stroh Reserve shall not be available until the Successful Start Up of the Lehigh County Pretreatment Plant, as specified in paragraph 4 of the 1986 Agreement ("Successful Start Up"), has been attained. The Stroh Reserve shall be available through 1 August 1996. The purchase of the Stroh Reserve or any portion thereof shall be in accordance with the terms of §2.06.

The remaining treatment capacity, <u>including the Buffer Capacity</u> <u>Release</u>, shall be placed in a single pool ("General Pool") available to all residential and nonresidential users in the Municipalities, except as provided below. Treatment capacity in the General Pool shall be allocated in accordance with the procedures described in §2.04.

The parties to this Agreement recognize that a planning period of 5 years is required to analyze, select and implement any one of the several alternative methods of providing future sewage treatment capacity. In anticipation of this planning period and to provide orderly development of the service area, the parties agree that the allocation of treatment capacity from the General Pool shall be conditioned as provided below.

At such time as treatment capacity available to the Authority under the 1986 Agreement <u>plus the Buffer Capacity Release</u> equals 105% of the total allocation made by the Authority during the immediately preceding 5 years, the Authority and the Municipalities shall review alternative methods of allocating treatment capacity to users. If a project upgrading, re-rating or expanding the treatment capacity of the Treatment Plant has been instituted with a fixed schedule such that treatment capacity available to the Authority

will not fall below 100% of the total allocation made by the Authority during the immediately preceeding five years prior to completion of this project, no such review is required. In the event that If this provision is triggered and the parties cannot reach an agreement on the method of allocating treatment capacity within 90 days, the allocation method under this Agreement shall lapse and a method selected by a vote of 80% of the Municipalities shall be implemented. Such method shall be selected at a special meeting of the Municipalities called by the Authority after at least 15 days prior notice to each Municipality after the end of the 90-day period, with each Municipality having one vote. Until such time as If an alternative method of allocating treatment capacity is not approved, the allocation method under this Agreement shall continue until the Municipalities take action to create a new allocation process. Any allocation request which would reduce the treatment capacity available to the Authority under the 1986 Agreement to an amount less than 100% of the total allocation made by the Authority during the immediately preceding 5 years, shall not be granted.

At such time as treatment capacity available to the Authority under the 1986 Agreement <u>plus the Buffer Capacity Release</u> equals <u>110100</u>% of the total allocation made by the Authority during the immediately preceding 5 years, the Authority and the Municipalities shall begin reviewing alternative methods of obtaining and/or providing additional treatment capacity over and above the treatment capacity available to the Authority under the 1986 Agreement.

2. The language of §2.04 shall be amended to read (deleted language is indicated as crossed out language and added new language is underlined):

Section 2.04. Allocation from General Pool. Treatment capacity in the General Pool will be available to each Municipality on a first come, first served basis. As a condition of allowing any user to connect to a wastewater collection system discharging to the Western Lehigh Interceptor, the Municipalities agree to require such user to first obtain an allocation from the Authority. An application shall be submitted to the Authority through a Municipality, which application shall include a request for a specific treatment capacity requirement determined by the applicant and approved by the Municipality. The Authority shall approve such applications except that applications for 50,000 gpd or more of allocation shall be reviewed with the Municipalities prior to approval of the application.

A user shall file an allocation application following final <u>plan approval</u> in accordance with the <u>Municipality's process</u> subdivision approval. Except as noted below, if substantial effort is not achieved <u>The entire allocation</u> shall be lost if a certificate of occupancy is not issued for the building for which the allocation was received within two (2) years or if any allocation or portion thereof is not used by the applicant at the end of a <u>three (3)</u>five- year period <u>commencing upon receipt of such allocation</u>, the, that portion of the <u>unused</u> allocation shall be lost, with no reimbursement of fees, and the treatment capacity will be returned to the General Pool.

For purposes of new development and construction, substantial effort shall have two deadlines:

a) Within eighteen (18) months from the date allocation was received, infrastructure improvements, including without limitation, roads, utilities and storm sewers, must be completed within the property for which the allocation has been obtained; and

b) Within five (5) years from the date allocation was received, the unit(s) on the property for which the allocation was purchased shall be under roof.

For purposes of municipal construction of sanitary sewer facilities to serve existing development, awarding construction contracts within eighteen (18) months and completion of the project within five (5) years from the date allocation was received, shall <u>preclude loss of allocation</u> constitute substantial effort.

For purposes of additional use by an existing user, substantial effort shall be defined as having utilized at least 80% of the additional allocation and all allocation previously held by the user <u>must be utilized within three</u> (3)within five years from the date the <u>additional</u> allocation was received <u>to</u> <u>preclude loss of that portion of the unused allocation</u>.

If the user can show that noncompliance with the deadlines was the result of force majeure, the fees, excluding any interest that may be earned thereon, shall be returned to the user in the amounts originally paid for the allocation, upon return of the allocation to the pool. For purposes of this section, *force majeure* shall be defined as any act of God, war, civil unrest, natural disaster, natural physical defect, governmental regulation or condemnation by a governmental entity or public utility which precludes development of the tract substantially as approved in the final subdivision plans, or a sewer moratorium which precludes use of the allocation.

The Municipalities, in accordance with the provisions of §2.09 herein, may waive a deadline if just cause is shown. For processing the waiver, there shall be a fee of \$100 per thousand gallons of treatment allocation, with a minimum fee of \$100.

Any treatment allocation purchased pursuant to this Agreement shall attach to the land or unit for which the application was filed and cannot be transferred to any other parcel of land or unit. No applicant shall receive any additional allocation from the pool until the applicant has committed all allocations under the 1983 Agreements and amendments thereto.

Capacity for Weisenberg and Lowhill Townships shall be subject to prior allocation limits, specifically 160,000 gpd and 100,000 gpd, respectively.

Upper Milford Township shall be subject to an allocation limit of 225,000 gpd which limit will continue to 1 August 2010. Allocations necessary for municipal projects providing service to development which existed as of 5 August 1987, shall not be counted against the Upper Milford allocation limit. At the option of Upper Milford, discussions shall be initiated regarding revising the allocation limit at any time prior to 1 August 2010. It is acknowledged that after 1 August 2010, the limit of discharge does not become unlimited but must be renegotiated between the parties to the Post-1985 Allocation Agreement.

In the event that there shall be insufficient capacity to meet all allocation requests, those requests for capacity that will provide service to existing developed areas will be given priority over requests that will provide service to new development. There shall be a penalty of \$10 per EDU of improper connection per day assessed against any Municipality which allows a connection to a wastewater collection system discharging to the Western Lehigh Interceptor without obtaining an allocation from the Authority. This penalty shall continue from the date a permit is improperly issued by a Municipality until allocation is granted to the Municipality for the connection, which allocation must be approved by the Municipalities in accordance with §2.09.

3. Unless changed by the terms of this Amendment and/or previous amendments, all other provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as though stated herein.

4. This Amendment shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

5. The recital clauses set out in the beginning of this Amendment are hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Amendment.

6. This Amendment sets forth in full the terms of our understanding, and such Amendment, previous amendments and the Agreement shall not in any way be modified, amended or amplified other than by mutual agreement in writing, executed by both parties hereto.

7. If any provisions of this Amendment, previous amendments and/or the Agreement are held to be invalid or unenforceable, all other provisions shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, which shall include approval and execution by the Authority and the Municipalities, have caused this Amendment to be duly executed and attested by its proper officers, pursuant to proper action of its governing body, all as of the day and year first above written.

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