UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY



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RESOLUTION OF THE UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY ADOPTING TECHNOLOGY RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARDS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY JOINT INSURANCE FUND'S CYBER RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN'S TIER 1, 2 AND 3 REQUIREMENTS

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Joseph C. Bodek, RMC Clerk of the Authority APPROVED AS TO SUFFICIENCY OF FUNDS [] YES [] NO M NONE REQUIRED UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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PRESENT **ABSENT** AYE NAY ABSTAIN MOTION SECOND Eastman, Treasurer Holder **Jackus** Kahn McManus, Secretary People Rachlin Scutari, Vice chairperson Szpond, Chairperson Alma, Alternate No. 1 Scott-Bey, Alternate No. 2

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WHEREAS, the Union County Utilities Authority ("Authority") is a member of the New Jersey Utility Authority Joint Insurance Fund ("NJUA JIF"), which secures insurance protection from the Municipal Excess Liability/Joint Insurance Fund ("MEL/JIF"); and

WHEREAS, through the MEL/JIF, the Authority receives essential insurance coverage, including cyber liability insurance coverage, which protects the Authority from the potential devastating costs associated with a cyber-related claim; and

WHEREAS, the MEL/JIF has developed and released the NJ MEL Cyber Risk Management Plan ("Cyber Risk Plan"), which outlines a set of best practices and standards that have been formulated to reduce many of the risks associated with the use of technology by public entities such as the Authority; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the inherent cybersecurity benefits associated with formally adopting the Cyber Risk Plan, together with the Authority's existing practices and policies to reduce the aforementioned cyber risks, implementing these best practices and standards will enable the Authority to claim a reimbursement of a paid insurance deductible in the event the Authority files a claim against its cyber insurance policy, administered through the NJUA JIF and the MEL/JIF; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the reimbursement increases based on the minimum technological standards (divided into Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 certification standards) under which the Authority is certified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Union County Utilities Authority, as follows:

- 1. The authority hereby adopts the following best practices and standards, a copy of which shall be retained on file at the administrative offices of the Authority, in accordance with Tiers 1, 2 and 3 of the NJ MEL Cyber Risk Management Plan:
 - a. Tier 1: Information Backup; Security Patches and Updates; Defensive Software; Security Awareness Training; Password Management; Email Warning, Incident Response Plan; Technology Practice Policy; and Government Cyber Membership.
 - b. Tier 2: Security, Access Privilege Controls, Technology Support; System and Event Logging; Protected Information; Remote Access VPN; Leadership Expertise; IT Business Continuity Planning; and Banking Control.
 - c. Tier 3: Network Segmentation; Password Integrity; Third-Party Risk Management; Remote Access MFA; and System and Event Logging Review.
- 2. A copy of this Resolution, along with all required checklists and correspondence, shall be provided to the MEL/JIF Underwriter for consideration and approval.
- 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.