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Dear Associate,

ORWA Associate Members play a vital role in our success. Our Associate Members support training, technical assistance and legislative programs that benefit rural and small community water and wastewater systems throughout the state. Participation and assistance with training and conferences help improve system operations and the quality of water for rural people in Oklahoma.

Enclosed in this packet is a membership form that can be completed and mailed or emailed to ORWA. With your membership, you will receive an ORWA Directory and a copy of our quarterly magazine, *The Advocate*, as well as a free listing in each. We provide tiered membership levels, which offer different benefits at each level. In this packet, you will also find the information that details the services provided at each level. In addition, we have included booth forms for the three 2022 ORWA conferences. The golf &/or bass tournament forms will be sent prior to each conference. For your convenience, ORWA now accepts credit cards by phone and online. To make a payment, please contact our office at 405-672-8925 or visit orwa.org.

Additionally, Associate Members have the opportunity to familiarize rural and small community water/wastewater systems with their products or services by advertising in *The Advocate*. *The Advocate* is distributed four times a year to more than 2400 members and non-members, water and wastewater related agencies, individual members, associate members, legislators and friends and supporters of rural water. An advertising media kit is enclosed in this packet with more details. All artwork must be submitted electronically online or emailed to Stephanie at steph@orwa.org.

Please also consider a tax exempt donation to the Oklahoma Rural Water Enrichment Foundation (ORWEF). Since inception of the ORWEF in 1999, more than \$669,250 in scholarships have been awarded to dependents of eligible ORWA member system employees and directors. ORWA employees and directors are not eligible to participate in this program. All donations are used only for scholarships and ORWA pays all administrative costs associated with this program. Please enclose a separate check payable to ORWEF with your membership renewal. You will be provided with a receipt for tax purposes.

In the next decade, the water and wastewater industry stands to lose approximately 30-50% of the workforce to retirement. Due to the aging workforce and continually changing technology within the industry, ORWA has established a registered Apprenticeship Program. It is our goal to provide a consistent level of training, knowledge, and skills to potential employees coming into the water & wastewater industry. Through the program, we will also educate the younger generations on the importance of the industry, in order to create a sustainable workforce for water and wastewater systems throughout Oklahoma. If you would like to contribute to the Apprenticeship Program, please indicate the amount on the enclosed membership form. Thank you for your support.

We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you in the upcoming years. If you have any questions, please call the office at 405-672-8925.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Seago, CEO

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Enclosures