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[First Name] [Last Name] [Address] [BSU, State, Zip]

[Date]

Dear [Name],

Bonita Springs Utilities, Inc. ("BSU") is writing to notify you because you may have been affected by the Technology Management Resources, Inc. ("TMR") data security incident. BSU's third-party utility bill payment services vendor, Iberia Bank, has an agreement with TMR to provide Lockbox Payment Processing services for Iberia Bank on behalf of BSU. While there is currently no evidence that your information has been misused as a result of this incident, we are providing you with information about our response and what you may do to better protect your personal information should you feel it appropriate to do so.

We take the confidentiality, privacy, and security of personal information very seriously. After receiving notice from Iberia Bank, we took steps to understand the impact the TMR data security incident had on BSU data. As part of our ongoing commitment to the security of information in our care, we are reviewing our existing policies and procedures regarding our third-party vendors and are working with Iberia Bank to evaluate additional measures and safeguards to protect against this type of incident in the future. We will also be notifying government regulators, as required.

We understand you may have questions about this incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have any questions, please call BSU at (239) 992-0711, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. You may also contact BSU by email at customerservice@bsu.us or by mail at 11900 East Terry Street, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

Sincerely,

**Customer Service Manager** 

## Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Personal Information

## **Monitor Your Accounts**

We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud. Under U.S. law you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit <a href="www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three major credit bureaus directly to request a free copy of your credit report.

You have the right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a security freeze on your credit report. Should you wish to place a security freeze, please contact the major consumer reporting agencies listed below:

Experian
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com/freeze/center.html

TransUnion
P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094
1-888-909-8872
www.transunion.com/cre
freeze

## Equifax P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788 1-800-685-1111 www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- 1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth:
- 4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.);
- 7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on your file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the agencies listed below:

Experian P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 1-888-397-3742

www.experian.com/fraud/center.html

TransUnion

P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016 1-800-680-7289

www.transunion.com/fraudvictim-resource/place-fraudalert **Equifax** 

P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348 1-888-766-0008

www.equifax.com/personal/creditreport-services

## **Additional Information**

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General.

The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, <a href="https://www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a>, 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338), and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.