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Water Valve Preventative Maintenance Program Begins at YCUA

Ypsilanti, MI – April 25, 2008 – Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority is implementing a preventative maintenance program to protect the longevity and operation of the water system valves. This consists of a valve exercise program, which requires closing, then opening, each valve in a specific neighborhood. The operation of the valves is extremely important. In an emergency, sections of the water distribution system may need to be isolated without delay. The valve turning exercise is not expected to interrupt water service to customers. A schedule of locations where the exercise will be performed is available at: <http://www.ycua.org>.

During this process customers may experience discolored water and sediment for a short period of time. Upon completion of the valve exercising in an area, it may be necessary to purge internal plumbing. Running several cold taps at full force for a period of 1 - 2 minutes should remove any discoloration from the water. It may be necessary to repeat the purging process after 30 minutes in some cases. Running water outside through a garden hose is also an effective way to purge discolored water. Although it may not look clear, the water is not harmful.

In some cases, low water pressure and/or low flow volume may be experienced. In this event, remove and clean the screens in the water faucets. The screens may have gathered particles during the valve exercising process. If abnormally low pressure and/or low flow volume continue after cleaning the faucet screens, please call the number listed below.

Valve exercising will normally take place between the hours of 8:00am – 3:00pm, Wednesday through Friday. For more information visit: <http://www.ycua.org> or call 734.484.4600.

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Contact: YCUA Service Center

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2008 Valve Exercise Locations - by Month

May: Ypsilanti Township - South of Textile, between Rawsonville and Whittaker Roads

Partridge Creek North, Partridge Creek South, Creekside Village West, Creekside Village South subdivisions (all Ypsilanti Township)

June: Ypsilanti Township - South of I-94:

Aspen Ridge, Sherman Oaks, Ford Lake Heights, Ford Lake Village subdivisions

Ypsilanti Township - North of I-94, between Prospect and Wiard Roads:

S Harris Rd., Oaklawn & Willow (Parkwood, Lamay, Jerome, Allen) subdivision, Forest Avenue, Hunt & Hollis, E Grand Blvd., (all Ypsilanti Township)

July: City of Ypsilanti, east of Prospect:

Prospect St., Prospect Gardens (Towner, Arnet, Mildred, Ford, Davis), Norris (Oak, Vought, Charles, Helen Virginia, Osband); Martin Place area (Miles, Garland, Vinewood),

August: City of Ypsilanti, west of Prospect:

Northeast Area (Gordon, Stanley, Hemphill, Dwight, Thomas), Jarvis Area (N Addams, N Washington, Jarvis, Jenness), Central Business District (area bounded by Huron, Hamilton, Michigan and Cross), Gerganoff Subdivision (Gregory, Mark, Louise), College Heights (area bounded by Oakwood, Collegewood, Bellvue, and Washtenaw)