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Statement from Interim City Administrator Mark C. Whitworth:

“The City of Vernon learned about the subpoena from the Attorney General this morning, and intends to cooperate fully. Over the past several years, the City has instituted a number of personnel changes and contractual changes to address compensation issues. The City continues to be dedicated to supporting job-producing businesses by providing low cost power and outstanding customer service. Because of that ongoing commitment, the City of Vernon today supports more than 1,800 businesses that employ more than 50,000 residents living in neighboring communities.

It should be noted that Mr. Malkenhorst left the City’s employ in 2005 and Mr. Harrison left the City’s employ in January of 2010. Mr. O’Callaghan has been placed on administrative leave pending an internal review. Mr. Fresch is no longer an employee of the City, although he continues to provide legal services to the City under a month-to-month contract. Mr. Burnett continues to be the City Treasurer.”

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