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Mayor Tom Barrett  
City of Milwaukee  
200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI. 53202

Dear Mayor Barrett:

This letter is a follow-up to a helpful discussion that I had with your Chief of Staff, Pat Curley, on April 17.

We had a very productive meeting with Mr. Curley in which we both concluded that negotiations for a potential water sale between our communities should proceed without delay. There is no guarantee that we will successfully reach a mutually beneficial agreement, but continued delay of the process could eliminate Milwaukee from any consideration given our progress with other communities. Only by negotiating can we effectively explore the benefits of an agreement and resolve questions or concerns.

In order to follow-up with Mr. Curley's request for additional information, we have attached the following:

- Demographic and other information for the Town of Genesee, Town of Waukesha, Town of Delafield and Town of Pewaukee. These areas were included in the future service area for our utility by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) in an effort to address regional needs, as required by the new regional water supply plan requirements of the Great Lakes Compact implementation law. As towns, these localities have neither transit plans nor housing plans, instead deferring to Waukesha County for planning activity. Therefore, we have included available demographic information and are providing a link (<http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/defaultwc.aspx?id=39492>) to the Waukesha County Comprehensive Plan, as suggested by Mr. Curley. It is our understanding that this information provides closure on the issue.

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- A color coded map of the proposed service area included in our application for Great Lakes water. The map is color coded so that it shows that only 15% of the service area is available for new development, with the rest having already been developed or environmentally protected. For the most part, any new water service beyond Waukesha's current service area will serve areas that are already developed, but are using private wells for water supply. Population in the service area is only expected to grow by 0.52% per year, with build-out in about 2050.
- A table that indicates, on a percentage basis, how little land is available for new development, specifically land allocated for industrial or commercial use. Only 1.2% of the water supply service area outside of the City is planned for industrial land use and 0.9%, for commercial land use. Only 0.5% and 0.2%, respectively, of that land is undeveloped. The table clearly demonstrates that providing water service per Waukesha's request is not about growth and will not place Milwaukee at a competitive disadvantage in attracting business. To bolster that point, it is important to note that projected water rates for our customers will likely be more than double what they will be in Milwaukee.

It is our understanding that with the submission of this information we will be ready to advance to a public hearing before the Common Council in the near future.

I want to thank you for making your staff available to discuss this very important regional issue. We look forward to working with the City of Milwaukee towards an agreement that will be beneficial to the future of Southeast Wisconsin.

Sincerely,



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Steve Crandell, Interim City Administrator