



**Department of Public Works  
Administration**

Jerrel Kruschke, P.E.  
Commissioner of Public Works

Dan Thomas, M.P.A., J.D.  
Director of Administrative Services

October 28, 2024

City Services Commission  
Harper Donahue, Director  
200 E Wells Street Room 706  
Milwaukee WI 53202

Re: 2024 Seasonal Layoff Plan for Bridge Operators

Dear Director Donahue IV:

The Department of Public Works respectfully submits the seasonal layoff plan of its bridge operators to the City Service Commission. DPW employs bridge operators to operate and maintain bridge openings along Milwaukee river ways. Each winter, a number of bridge operators are seasonally laid off when the rivers freeze and boat traffic decreases.

DPW intends to seasonally lay off six (6) bridge operators effective Sunday, November 10, 2024 with plans to recall the bridge operators mid-April 2025. These employees are David Lucas, Melissa Sharrard, Brett Dominguez, Mark Tufte, Ryan Metcalf and Jacob Hoffer.

These six employees will have appeal rights if they believe that they have been adversely affected by this layoff in the manner provided in Rule XIII, Section b of the City Service Rules, which are included as an attachment.

Andrew Simons and Nick Goodwin will be at the City Service Commission meeting to answer any questions that you or the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

Dan M. Thomas  
Administrative Services Director

Attachment

cc	Goodwin, Nick	Brett Dominguez
	Forlenza, Karen	Mark Tufte
	Lucas, David	Ryan Metcalf
	Sharrard, Melissa	Jacob Hoffer