December 21, 2006

Milwaukee City Clerk 200 East Wells Street, Room 205 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Sir or Madam:

I received a letter dated December 6, 2006 from Grant F. Langley indicating that the City of Milwaukee has denied the claim I submitted in my letter dated December 2, 2006. I wish to appeal this decision.

On Wednesday, December 20, I called the claims department at We Energies and spoke with Donna Bufkin. She indicated that street height of electrical wires in a residential area is set at 15'.5" and that the wires behind our home met that standard. It was, in fact, the inattentive action of two City of Milwaukee employees and their truck which caused the damage, not the wire height.

The letter from Grant Langley states, "the City cannot accept liability and we are denying your claim." I find this extremely difficult to digest. Gene Deroune, your Driver Training Instructor, who was contacted immediately following this incident, drove to my home and, following review of the accident, provided instructions on how to file a claim with the city. At no time during our conversation did he indicate that the electrical wires were hanging at the improper height.

I am not out to bilk the city of excess funds. My expectation is that the City of Milwaukee pays for damage that is caused by the inattentive actions of its workers. I have found this standard practice with most quality contractors.

If I ever have the misfortune of backing into someone's car or driving into someone's mailbox and knocking it over, should I use the city's rationale that the car or object didn't belong where it was, and subsequently I am not at fault? I don't think so.

I do expect that you will see fit to honor my request for reimbursement for my out of pocket expenses to repair the damage to my home.

I can be contacted directly at 414.481.2586 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Sean J. Maroney

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December 2, 2006

City Clerk ATTN: Claims 200 E. Wells Street, Room 205 Milwaukee, WI 53202-3567 2006 DEC -5 PM 3: 18

Dear Sir or Madam:

At approximately 9:30 a.m. on October 3, 2006, the electricity flashed at my home, which is located at 2602 E. Oklahoma Avenue.

The following incident occurred; two city of Milwaukee employees were working in a city truck with a bucket (city vehicle #55071) in the alley across from my house. They hit electrical wires on Texas Street, between Oklahoma and Delaware Avenues causing them to come down. This pulled the electrical ground from the mast and siding from my house.

Gene Deroune, Driver Training Instructor, was contacted. He came to the house to speak with me and to take pictures of the damage. He provided his contact information and the process to file a claim with the city. The City of Milwaukee is clearly at fault for this incident and reimbursement is expected. I have enclosed a copy of the receipt from my electrician for the cost of repair - \$361.10.

I can be contacted directly at 414.481.2586 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Sean J. Maroney

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CITY ATTORNEY

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GRIFFIN ELECTRIC 8803 W. GREENFIELD AVE. WEST ALLIS , WI 53214

#414-258-9642 FAX#476-6634

<u>INVOICE</u> 1823-102 <u>Date</u> 11/29/06 **Due Date:** 12/29/06

<u>Summary</u> #1106.06 Terms NET 10 Tech. RICK P.O. #:

Bill To:

MARONEY DENTAL LAB 2602 E. OKLAHOMA AVE. MILWAUKEE, WI 53207 Job Site:

MARONEY DENTAL LAB 2602 E. OKLAHOMA AVE. MILWAUKEE, WI 53207

414-481-2586

Job Tel 414-481-2586

Description of Work

REPAIR DAMAGE TO SERVICE RISER CAUSED BY CITY TREE TRIMMING TRUCK.

| <u>Material</u> | Qty | <u>Price</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Material</u> | Qty | <u>Price</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------|-----|--------------|---------------|--------------------|-----|--------------|---------------|
| 2 1/2" LAG BOLTS | 2.0 | 0.50 EA | 1.00 | 2" EMT 2HOLE STRAP | 2.0 | 0.35 EA | 0.70 |
| 2" SERVICE HEAD | 1,0 | 14.00 EA | 14.00 | ELECTRICAL PERMIT | 1.0 | 91.25 EA | 91.25 |
| SELFPIERCING TAPS | 3.0 | 35.00 EA | 105,00 | | | | |

Other Charges Amount Other Charges Amount 0.00

| Material | Labor | Other | Subtotal | Tax 1 | Tax 2 | Total |
|----------|--------|-------|----------|-------|-------|----------|
| 211.95 | 130.00 | 0.00 | 341.95 | 19.15 | 0.00 | \$361.10 |

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a professional manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon delays beyond our control. Purchaser agrees to pay all costs of collection, including attorney's fees

Terms: NET 10

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