

February 1, 2001

To The Honorable Common Council  
Of the City of Milwaukee  
Room 205 - City Hal

Re: Communication from Ameritech (0850-0123)  
C.I. File No. 00-S-343

Dear Council Members:

We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

Claimant, Ameritech by it's Representative, Debbie Griffiths, Risk Manager, 2140 Davison Road, Floor 1, Waukesha, WI 53186 alleges that on August 10, 2000 their buried cable at the intersection of North 60th Street and West Roosevelt was damaged by a City work crew. They claim damages in the amount of \$42,104.43.

Our investigation reveals that Infrastructure Services Division surveyed the area in question in preparation for installing a temporary light pole. The Crew foreman properly contacted the utility underground hotline marking service prior to excavation. When the excavation crew arrived on site new pavement markings were visible and excavation was begun. The crew then struck an underground cable that was not properly marked by the hotline marking service.

The City followed proper procedures and customary practices for excavation. Accordingly, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

To the Hon. Common Council

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Enclosure  
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