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June 16, 2014

Mr. Jerome A. Tarkowski  
4848 South 22nd Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53221

RE: C.I. File No. 1048-2014-411  
Communication from JEROME TARKOWSKI

Dear Mr. Tarkowski:

We have received your claim for the amount of \$100.00 in relation to the water damage you sustained on September 9, 2013 at 4848 South 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The Milwaukee Water Works reports a meter technician responded to 4848 South 22<sup>nd</sup> Street for a meter exchange. The meter technician met with you and a plumber who advised the water had been shut off. The technician removed the old water meter without touching the valves. Once the new meter was installed, the plumber turned the water back on. The technician left, but was advised moments later that there was a leak. The technician asked what happened and was told the plumber placed a wrench on the valve to loosen it. The technician went outside to shut the water off, but was not able to locate the water service box. A distribution crew responded and made the necessary repairs to the service box.


It is our view that Milwaukee Water Works followed the proper procedures regarding the meter exchange. The water meter technician did not touch or break the valve. The damage was the result of the plumber's actions. The City of Milwaukee is not liable for your damages. Therefore, we are denying your claim.



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If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a letter within 21 days of the date of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours,



GRANT LANGLEY  
City Attorney



KARI GIPSON  
Investigator Adjuster

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