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To the Honorable Common Council Of the City of Milwaukee Room 205 – City Hall

Re: Resolution relating to the claim of AT&T

By Debbie Griffiths, Risk Manager

C.I. File No.: 06-S-216

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution. We ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation, with the following recommendation.

Claimant, AT&T, by its representative Debbie Griffiths, Risk Management Office, 2140 Davidson Road Floor 1, Waukesha, WI 53186 alleges that on June 21, 2006 their underground cable and duct near 4<sup>th</sup> Street and St. Paul were damaged when the City excavated in the area for water facilities. They claim damages in the amount of \$48,083.93.

Our investigation reveals that the Milwaukee Water Works (MWW) was excavating to repair an 8-inch main gate on the northeast corner of North 4<sup>th</sup> Street and West St. Paul Avenue on June 21, 2006. The MWW crew inadvertently damaged the claimant's buried cable and duct package which was located two feet below the water main. The cable and duct package was properly marked prior to the excavation. The claimant has agreed to

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accept 80% of their claim, which is \$38,467.14. Because settlement of this matter is deemed expeditious to the City of Milwaukee, we recommend settlement of this claim and have enclosed an appropriate resolution for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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