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January 11, 2005

Ref: Revenue & Cost Division

To the Honorable, the Common Council  
City of Milwaukee

Dear Council Members:

Section 309-51 of the Milwaukee Code, relating to rules for the administration of sewer user charges, directs the City Comptroller to establish sewer user charge rates. Under this ordinance, the City is to pass through rate changes imposed by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD), while also providing for the cost of administering the sewer user charge.

This letter is to inform you that the revised sewer user rates are effective with bills generated February, 2005. In accordance with Section 309-51 of the Milwaukee Code, the connection charge and consumption charge portion of the revised rate now reflect those charges as billed by MMSD to the City. The administrative charge has been revised to reflect the City's current cost of administering the sewer user charge. The rates compare as follows:

|   | <u>Current<br/>Rate</u> | <u>Revised<br/>Rate</u> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>RESIDENTIAL USERS</b>  |                         |                         |
| City Administration Charge per<br>quarter per account   | \$ 5.03                 | \$ 4.74                 |
| MMSD Connection Charge per quarter<br>per account   | \$ 3.85                 | \$ 5.15                 |
| Hazardous Waste Charge  | .94                     | .98                     |
| Total MMSD Connection Charge per quarter  | <u>\$ 4.79</u>          | <u>\$ 6.13</u>          |
| Total connection charge per account   | \$ 9.82                 | \$10.87                 |
| <br>MMSD Consumption Charge per 100 cubic<br>feet of water using billed consumption<br>each quarter | <br>.66                 | <br>.71                 |

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**NON-CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL USERS**

|  |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| City Administration Charge per<br>quarter per meter factor   | \$ 5.03        | \$ 4.74        |
| MMSD Connection Charge per quarter<br>per account<br>(1.7 connections per account at<br>\$5.15 per connection) | <u>\$ 6.55</u> | <u>\$ 8.76</u> |
| Total quarterly charge per account   | \$11.58        | \$13.50        |
| <br>   |                |                |
| MMSD Consumption Charge per 100 cubic<br>feet at actual water readings   | .66            | .71            |

**CERTIFIED USERS**

|  |   |         |
|--|---|---------|
| City Administration Charge per<br>quarter per meter factor | \$ 5.03   | \$ 4.74 |
| MMSD connection and consumption charges                    | Actual amounts per<br>MMSD's individual<br>invoices |         |

The current average quarterly consumption reported per residential account, amounts to 34 ccf. A quarterly sewer user charge bill under the current and proposed rates for such an account would compare as follows:

|                             | <u>Current<br/>Rate</u> | <u>Revised<br/>Rate</u> | <u>Percent<br/>of Change</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| *MMSD Consumption           | \$22.44                 | \$24.14                 | + 7.58%                      |
| *MMSD Connection            | 3.85                    | 5.15                    | + 33.77%                     |
| *MMSD Hazardous Waste (Res) | .94                     | .98                     | + 4.26%                      |
| City Administration         | <u>5.03</u>             | <u>4.74</u>             | - 5.77%                      |
| Total Bill                  | <u>\$32.26</u>          | <u>\$35.01</u>          | + 8.52%                      |

\*Pass Through Charges.


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These proposed rates have been forwarded to the Milwaukee Water Works, and City Engineer for their comments. They have notified the Office of the Comptroller that they concur with the new rates. Please see attached.

We recommend that this communication be placed on file.

Very truly yours,  


W. MARTIN MORICS  
Comptroller

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E., City Engineer  
Ms. Carrie Lewis - Superintendent, Milwaukee Water Works  
Mr. Kevin Shafer - Executive Director, MMSD

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Milwaukee Water Works

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Commissioner of Public Works

James P. Purko  
Director of Operations

Carrie M. Lewis  
Superintendent of Water Works

January 6, 2005

Mr. W. Martin Morics, Comptroller  
City of Milwaukee  
200 E. Wells Street, Room 401  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: 2005 Sewer Treatment Rates

Dear Mr. Morics:

After reviewing 2004 Sewer Treatment financial activity with members of our staff, we concur with the 2005 rates proposed in your letter dated December 27<sup>th</sup>.

We therefore will update the following Sewer Treatment charges for 2005:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Volumetric – Residential and Non-Certified Commercial   | \$0.71/Ccf                             |
| Connection Charge – Residential                         | \$5.15                                 |
| Hazardous Waste Charge                                  | <u>.98</u>                             |
|   | \$6.13/quarter                         |
| Non-Certified Commercial<br>1.7 connections per account | \$8.76/quarter                         |
| Administrative Charge – Residential                     | \$4.74/quarter                         |
| Certified and Non-Certified<br>Commercial               | \$4.74/quarter per<br>equivalent meter |

If you have any questions concerning the above information, please contact Mr. Dick Rasmussen at ext. 2584.

Very truly yours,

*CM Lewis*

Carrie Lewis  
Superintendent  
Milwaukee Water Works



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City Engineer

January 7, 2005

Mr. W. Martin Morics  
City Comptroller  
Room 401, City Hall

Attention: Mr. Paul Tigge

Subject: 2005 Sewer User Charge Rates

Dear Mr. Morics:

This is in response to your letter dated December 27, 2004. We have reviewed the Sewer User Charge Rates for 2005 and we have no objections.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Martín A. Aquino at (414) 286-2462.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey S. Polenske, PE  
City Engineer

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