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July 18, 2002

Betty Smith 2846 North King Drive Milwaukee, WI 53212

RE: C. I. File No: 02-S-143

Dear Ms. Smith:

This office is in receipt of your claim where you allege you sustained damage on April 16, 2002 to the contents of your basement by a busted water line at 2846 North King Drive.

The Milwaukee Water Works Records indicate they received a report of a possible water main break at approximately 6:04 AM on April 15, 2002. A water works investigator arrived on the scene before 7:00 AM, and reported a leak at the hydrant. A dry crew was called to the scene due to the amount of water that had leaked from the hydrant. They arrived on site at approximately 7:30 AM and the hydrant was turned off by 8:00 AM. A waterworks repair crew made necessary hydrant repairs on April 17 2002. The cause of this water main break was not related to any negligent acts of omissions of the City of Milwaukee. It further reflects that the Milwaukee Water Works was not negligent with respect to their response time, manner of repairs or attempts to minimize consequential damages and, therefore, the City is not legally liable for the events giving rise to this loss. Accordingly, 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 receipt of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours,

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