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

RE: C.I. File No. 1029-2018-596
Communication from Equian on behalf of Karen Grade

Dear Common Council Members:

Equian, third-party administrator for Western National Insurance, has presented their subrogation demand of \$6,000.00. This amount represents damages paid by Western National Insurance, on the behalf of Karen Grade, relating to a February 14, 2018 incident whereupon Ms. Grade sustained property damage at her residence when a city sewer line blockage allegedly caused water back up in her home.

An investigation by Milwaukee Water Works and Sewer Maintenance revealed that the City did not conduct any excavation work or repair activity at 4210 N. 80th Street from January 1, 2008 to March 28, 2018. Furthermore, the investigation revealed the City's sanitary sewer was found to be clogged with heavy paper products. This sewer is on a normal three year cleaning schedule with the last cleaning occurring on August 4, 2016. Past cleaning records do not indicate any unusual problems.

There is nothing to support negligence on the City in this matter. As such, the City would not be liable. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

for 
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Enclosure

C: Bernice Flemming (Milwaukee Water Works)
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