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Carrie Lewis Milwaukee Water Works 841 N. Broadway, Rm. 409

Dear Ms. Lewis:

At the February 14th meeting of the Judicial and Legislation Committee, during a closed session, it was learned that companies receive a discount from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) if water use in the manufacturing process is not returned to the sewerage district (such as breweries which use a high amount of water in their products). The city, according to Gregg Hagopian, Assistant City Attorney, follows the discount policy provided by MMSD, although the city operates a combined sewer system as well as a sanitary sewer system and our interests are not always aligned with MMSD.

Is it time to reevaluate this policy and instead evaluate these discounts on a case by case basis, notwithstanding MMSD's action?

On behalf of the members of the Judiciary and Legislation Committee, I look forward to your response and thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Ald Michael Lumbo hair Judiciary and Legislation Committee

