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

Re:

C.I. File No. 1048-2020-356

Communication from: Shaw Law Offices

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Milwaukee, WI 53218 on behalf of

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Dear Council Members:

Shaw Law Offices alleges that on or about October 15, 2019 erroneously high water bills were placed on the property taxes for the claimant's property located at 2564 North 35th Street. Claimed damages are \$6,242.59.

Our investigation notes that the claimant had previously filed a complaint with the Public Service Commission (PSC) regarding this. PSC investigated and advised the claimant that the charges and fees were appropriate. They also warned the claimant that if an active Deferred Payment Agreement (DPA) was not set up by the date of the tax roll deadline for this billing cycle, they could be placed on the property taxes. There was no appeal of the PSC's decision. The claimant did not set up the DPA, and thus the charges were placed on the property taxes. Since the Milwaukee Water Works is obligated to comply with the PSC's decision, the City cannot consider this matter any further. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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KCR:mal Enclosure

: Michelle Thompson-Gray (Milwaukee Water Works)

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