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

Re: C.I. File No. 1048-2021-1337

Communication from: Erie Insurance on behalf of Janko Jankovic  
4345 S. 60<sup>th</sup> Street  
Greenfield, WI 53220

Dear Council Members:

Erie Insurance alleges that on September 14, 2021 at approximately 6 a.m. their insured's water pump was continuously going off at the property located at 4345 South 60<sup>th</sup> Street in Greenfield, Wisconsin. The insured went to the basement to find that the basement had flooded, and the water continued to rise. Erie Insurance submitted a damage claim for the amount of \$10,000.00; the maximum amount paid for damages under the homeowner's policy.

Milwaukee Water Works records indicated that on September 14, 2021, the Milwaukee Police Department reported a leak in the street at 4345 South 60<sup>th</sup> Street. A water investigator was dispatched and confirmed a break on an 8" water main at that address and completed an emergency shutoff of the water main. Later that day, Digger's Hotline was contacted to locate and mark underground utilities. When Digger's Hotline provided clearance, water shutoff notices were served to local residents at 12:00 p.m. and the water main was placed out of service at 2:15 p.m. After the repairs were completed, the water main was placed back in service at 8:00 p.m.

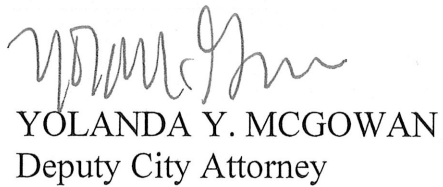


It is our position that Milwaukee Water Works took action as soon as it was informed of the water main break, and performed the repairs in a timely manner. The City did not have prior notice of any issues with the water main. As such, we recommend denial of the claim.

Very truly yours,



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