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

Re: Communication from PRINCE HALL MASONIC BOARD

C.I. File No. 1048-2014-3202

Dear Council Members:

Claimant, Prince Hall Masonic Board, by its representative Charles Nunnery, 1218 West North Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53205, alleges through Cincinnati Insurance Company, as subrogee, by their attorney, Grotefeld Hoffmann, 311 South Wacker Drive, Suite 4500, Chicago, IL 60606, that on August 9, 2014 they sustained damages when a water main broke and water backed up into their insured's basement. Claimed damages total \$51,147.74.

Milwaukee Water Works (MWW) records indicate that on August 9, 2014 at 4:28 p.m. they received a report of a leak in the street at North 12th Street and West North Avenue. The MWW dispatched a utility investigator who reported an 8 inch water main break at 1212 West North Avenue and immediately throttled the main. Due to a busy workload and no available distribution crews, they called out for a contractor to repair the water main. Rawson Contractors responded to the site and made the necessary repairs.

There is no evidence that the MWW was negligent in this matter. As such, the City would not be liable. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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