October 11, 2005

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

Re: Communication from Melody Erblich, Claims Analyst

On behalf of We Energies (2005162495)

C.I. File No. 05-S-167

## Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution. We ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation, with the following recommendation.

Claimant, We Energies, Legal Services Department-P418, Post Office Box 1132, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1132 by Melody Erblich, Claims Analyst allege that on May 23, 2005 while installing conduit in the intersection of North 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Wells street an Infrastructure Services Division-Underground Operation work crew damaged their electric facility. They claim damages in the amount of \$9,064.67

Our investigation reveals said work crew was engaged in this activity on the date in question. The crew did a hand dig and located a We Energies cable, but struck a second cable that was approximately one foot away. The second cable was within eighteen inches of the "hot-line" markings for their facilities.

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Because settlement of this matter is deemed expeditious to the City of Milwaukee, we recommend payment of this claim in the amount of \$9,064.67 and have enclosed the appropriate resolution for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

GRANT F. LANGLEY City Attorney

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JAS:beg Enclosure 1029-2005-1520:96788