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Substitute resolution appropriating Water Works funds to hire a consultant to ascertain and compare all relevant costs to the City of Waukesha of purchasing Lake Michigan water from Milwaukee, Racine and Oak Creek, and returning treated water to Lake Michigan.

This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Water Works to appropriate funds from its 2010 Adopted Budget to pay a consultant to ascertain and compare all relevant costs to the City of Waukesha of purchasing Lake Michigan water from Milwaukee, Racine and Oak Creek, and returning treated water to Lake Michigan. This resolution further stipulates the Milwaukee Water Works will present detailed costs for this consultation work, recommend a consultant suitable to this task and seek Common Council approval prior to engaging consulting services in this matter.

Whereas, The cities of Milwaukee, Racine and Oak Creek have independently expressed willingness to negotiate with the City of Waukesha to sell the City of Waukesha water as part of the City of Waukesha's application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to buy Lake Michigan water; and

Whereas, The City of Waukesha is expected to initiate negotiations with the City of Milwaukee to purchase water from the Milwaukee Water Works in the near future; and

Whereas, An in-depth understanding of the costs the City of Waukesha is likely to incur if that city buys water from Racine or Oak Creek as compared to purchasing water from Milwaukee will inherently strengthen the City of Milwaukee's bargaining position in any negotiations, and be in the best interest of Milwaukee city residents; and

Whereas, Hiring a consultant seems the most expedient and reliable way to gain a clear understanding of the competitive environment of selling water to the City of Waukesha; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Milwaukee Water Works is authorized to appropriate funds from its 2010 Adopted Budget to pay a consultant to ascertain and compare all relevant costs to the City of Waukesha of purchasing Lake Michigan water from Milwaukee, Racine and Oak Creek, and returning treated water to Lake Michigan; and, be it

Further Resolved, The Milwaukee Water Works will present detailed costs for this consultation work, recommend a consultant suitable to this task and seek Common Council approval prior to engaging

consulting services in this matter.

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