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Mr. Grant DeNormandie

Owner

DustCatchers, Inc.

8801 S. South Chicago Avenue

Chicago, Illinois 60617-2445

Dear Mr. DeNormandie:

Subject: Appeal No. 16D-004 – Revision of the 2015 Net User Charge in the Amount of \$4,095.55 for DustCatchers Inc., U26606, Located at 8801 S. South Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) makes reference to the meeting of July 21, 2016, regarding the subject appeal. In attendance at the meeting representing DustCatchers Inc. (DustCatchers) were you, and counsel for DustCatchers, Mr. Ankur Shah, Messrs. Mathew Joseph, Gregory Yarnik, and Michael Goldrich and Ms. Lolita Thompson, of my staff, and Mr. Jorge Mihalopoulos, the District's counsel, represented the District.

During the meeting, Mr. Shah stated that DustCatchers' letter dated May 19, 2016, provided all of the information DustCatchers wanted to submit regarding the subject appeal. No new information was presented by DustCatchers at the meeting.

The District received DustCatchers' 2015 User Charge Annual Certified Statement (RD-925) on April 1, 2016. DustCatchers incorrectly prorated their 2015 annual flow volume based on 208 working days per year. Pursuant to Appendix A of the User Charge Ordinance (Ordinance), the District recomputed and increased DustCatchers' annual flow volume based on water bills that DustCatchers submitted with the 2015 RD-925.

DustCatchers also incorrectly used the average values for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and suspended solids (SS) from the District's October 2015 sampling study to calculate their 2015 annual BOD and SS charges. Pursuant to Appendix B of the Ordinance, the District used the flow weighted averages of all valid 2015 BOD and SS sampling data from the District's August, October, and November 2015 sampling studies to determine DustCatchers' annual BOD and SS charges. This recalculation increased DustCatchers' total annual BOD and SS charges. DustCatchers' total wastewater loading charge was increased due to the increase in flow volume, BOD, and SS loadings.

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DustCatchers incorrectly used their 2013 second installment property tax bill to determine their 2015 total ad valorem tax credit. DustCatchers had not paid their 2014 property tax bill for Property Index Number 26-06-111-025-0000 when they submitted their 2015 RD-925, thus reducing their 2015 ad valorem tax credit.

Based on the above-referenced information, the District has determined that the 2015 Net User Charge liability for DustCatchers remains \$4,095.55. This closes the subject appeal. The District's Finance Department will issue an invoice under separate cover.

In accordance with Section 9b of the Ordinance, if you do not concur with the determination of this office, you may petition the District's Board of Commissioners for a hearing within 30 days of the receipt date of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Lolita Thompson, Environmental Specialist, at (312) 751-3009 or lolita.thompson@mwr.org.

Very truly yours,



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