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Mr. Richard Lanyon Executive Director O F F I C E

Re: Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim of Olga Mackey vs. MWRDGC, Case No. 07 WC 11531, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, in the sum of \$9,750.00. Account 901-30000-601090

Dear Sir:

Olga Mackey is a Principal Office Support Specialist at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant. On January 11, 2007, while walking upstairs, she slipped on a liquid substance on a step and twisted her left knee. Ms. Mackey went to her personal physician who diagnosed left hamstring and calf muscle strains. Physical therapy was prescribed. Ms. Mackey had a prior left knee replacement and complained that the work accident also caused left knee pain.

Ms. Mackey's physician reported that she had a loosening of her left knee hardware due to the work incident and recommended a revision of her knee replacement. The District's evaluating physician agreed that Ms. Mackey sustained left hamstring and calf muscle strains, but the left knee loosening was not related to the work accident. Ms. Mackey elected to have surgery on her left knee. The District denied the surgery under Workers' Compensation based on our doctor's opinion.

At this time, Ms. Mackey is willing to accept \$9,750.00 to settle this claim. This settlement represents an 8.4% loss of use of the left leg and a hold harmless agreement on related bills paid by group health. Since there are conflicting medical opinions on this claim, the General Counsel believes it is in the District's best interests to settle this matter and close out all issues

The General Counsel believes this is an equitable settlement to conclude this matter and requests payment of that sum be approved and he be authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to effect the settlement.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick M. Feldman General Counsel Approved:

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