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March 21, 2013

Mr. David St. Pierre
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SUBJECT: Settlement of Property Damage Claim with Acuity Insurance Company in the Amount of \$3,405.80 Arising out of the June 14, 2011 Thornton Dropshaft Explosion

Dear Sir:

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, ("District") has reached a settlement with Acuity Insurance Company for a property damage claim in the amount of \$3,405.80 arising out of the June 14, 2011 explosion of the Thornton Transitional Reservoir Drop Shaft (the "Thornton Drop Shaft").

The Thornton Drop Shaft is part of the MWRD's Calumet Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP), connects to the Thornton Reservoir, and is located at the end of the Indiana Avenue tunnel. In the early morning hours of June 14, 2011, an explosion occurred in the Thornton Drop Shaft. Although no personal injuries were reported, the explosion littered debris up to 475 feet from the Thornton Drop Shaft. This flying debris damaged both structures and vehicles in the vicinity of the shaft.

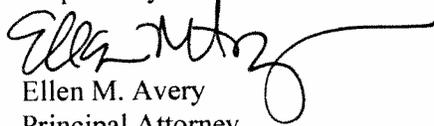
Acuity Insurance Company paid \$3,405.80 in damages to its policyholder, Peter and Arlene Godinez, for damages to their 2002 Chevrolet Silverado truck. Upon review of the subrogation demand and supporting documentation, the General Counsel has determined that it is reasonable and in the District's best interest to pay this claim. The General Counsel believes that further litigation of the claim would be cost prohibitive and would not obtain a better result. Therefore, the General Counsel requests that a payment of \$3,405.80 be approved to Acuity Insurance Company, and that he be authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to effect the settlement.

Respectfully submitted,



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SUBJECT: Settlement of Property Damage Claim with Illinois Farmers Insurance Company in the Amount of \$1,080.16 Arising out of the June 14, 2011 Thornton Dropshaft Explosion

Dear Sir:

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, ("District") has reached a settlement with Illinois Farmers Insurance Company for a property damage claim in the amount of \$1,080.16 arising out of the June 14, 2011 explosion of the Thornton Transitional Reservoir Drop Shaft (the "Thornton Drop Shaft").

The Thornton Drop Shaft is part of the MWRD's Calumet Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP), connects to the Thornton Reservoir, and is located at the end of the Indiana Avenue tunnel. In the early morning hours of June 14, 2011, an explosion occurred in the Thornton Drop Shaft. Although no personal injuries were reported, the explosion littered debris up to 475 feet from the Thornton Drop Shaft. This flying debris damaged both structures and vehicles in the vicinity of the shaft.

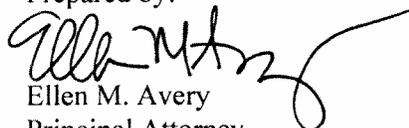
Illinois Farmers Insurance Company paid \$1,080.16 in damages to its policyholder, Frederick Huls, for damages to his 2008 Dodge Ram 1500 truck. Upon review of the subrogation demand and supporting documentation, the General Counsel has determined that it is reasonable and in the District's best interest to pay this claim. The General Counsel believes that further litigation of the claim would be cost prohibitive and would not obtain a better result. Therefore, the General Counsel requests that a payment of \$1,080.16 be approved to Illinois Farmers Insurance Company, and that he be authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to effect the settlement.

Respectfully submitted,



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SUBJECT: Settlement of Property Damage Claim with Progressive Universal Insurance Company in the Amount of \$2,420.10 Arising out of the June 14, 2011 Thornton Dropshaft Explosion

Dear Sir:

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, ("District") has reached a settlement with Progressive Universal Insurance Company for a property damage claim in the amount of \$2,420.10 arising out of the June 14, 2011 explosion of the Thornton Transitional Reservoir Drop Shaft (the "Thornton Drop Shaft").

The Thornton Drop Shaft is part of the MWRD's Calumet Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP), connects to the Thornton Reservoir, and is located at the end of the Indiana Avenue tunnel. In the early morning hours of June 14, 2011, an explosion occurred in the Thornton Drop Shaft. Although no personal injuries were reported, the explosion littered debris up to 475 feet from the Thornton Drop Shaft. This flying debris damaged both structures and vehicles in the vicinity of the shaft.

Universal Progressive Insurance Company paid \$2,420.10 in damages to its policyholder, James Whitaker, for damages to his 2005 Dodge Ram 1500 truck. Upon review of the subrogation demand and supporting documentation, the General Counsel has determined that it is reasonable and in the District's best interest to pay this claim. The General Counsel believes that further litigation of the claim would be cost prohibitive and would not obtain a better result. Therefore, the General Counsel requests that a payment of \$2,420.10 be approved to Progressive Universal Insurance Company, and that he be authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to effect the settlement.

Respectfully submitted,



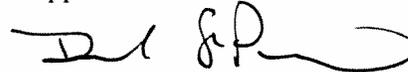
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SUBJECT: Settlement of Property Damage Claim with Eugene Tavoletti in the Amount of \$1,069.14 Arising out of the June 14, 2011 Thornton Dropshaft Explosion

Dear Sir:

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, ("District") has reached a settlement with Eugene Tavoletti for a property damage claim in the amount of \$1,069.14 arising out of the June 14, 2011 explosion of the Thornton Transitional Reservoir Drop Shaft (the "Thornton Drop Shaft").

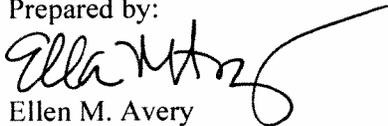
The Thornton Drop Shaft is part of the MWRD's Calumet Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP), connects to the Thornton Reservoir, and is located at the end of the Indiana Avenue tunnel. In the early morning hours of June 14, 2011, an explosion occurred in the Thornton Drop Shaft. Although no personal injuries were reported, the explosion littered debris up to 475 feet from the Thornton Drop Shaft. This flying debris damaged both structures and vehicles in the vicinity of the shaft.

Eugene Tavoletti paid \$1,069.14 to repair damage to his 2003 GMC Suburban caused by the explosion. Upon review of the subrogation demand and supporting documentation, the General Counsel has determined that it is reasonable and in the District's best interest to pay this claim. The General Counsel believes that further litigation of the claim would be cost prohibitive and would not obtain a better result. Therefore, the General Counsel requests that a payment of \$1,069.14 be approved to Eugene Tavoletti, and that he be authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to effect the settlement.

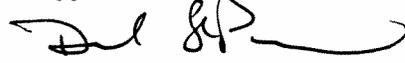
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March 19, 2013

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Re: Increase in the Settlement of the Workers' Compensation Claim of Curtis Mason vs. MWRDGC, Claim No. 0200005148, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the amount of \$33.66, from \$4,546.68 to the sum of \$4,580.34. Account 901-30000-601090.

Dear Sir:

On November 27, 2012, you previously approved a settlement with employee Curtis Mason for \$4,546.68 due to a crushing injury to his left thumb on May 16, 2011. (A copy of the November 27, 2012, letter is attached.) An increase in the amount of \$33.66 is requested, due to a clerical error in the original settlement calculation.

Subject to the approval of the IWCC, this pro-se claim can now be settled for 9% loss of use of the left thumb in the amount of \$4,580.34. The settlement will also close out any future medical exposure on this claim.

The General Counsel believes this settlement is in the best interests of the District 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,

Approved by:



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November 27, 2012

Mr. David St. Pierre
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Re: Settlement of the Workers' Compensation Claim of Curtis Mason vs. MWRDGC,
Claim No. 0200005148, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the
sum of \$4,546.68. Account 901-30000-601090

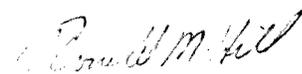
Dear Sir:

Curtis Mason is a Maintenance Laborer A at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant. He sustained a crushing injury to his left thumb on May 16, 2011, while working on a locomotive. Mr. Mason was treated in the emergency room on the date of injury and diagnosed with a Tufts fracture and a subungual hematoma. He was subsequently evaluated by a hand specialist and underwent surgery on May 17, 2011. Mr. Mason returned to work with temporary restrictions on May 24, 2011, and on June 7, 2011, he returned to unrestricted work. He lost one week from work.

Subject to the approval of the IWCC, this Pro Se case can be settled for 9% loss of use of the left thumb in the amount of \$4,546.68. The settlement will also close out any future medical exposure on this claim.

The General Counsel believes this settlement is in the best interests of the District 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,



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April 3, 2013

Mr. David St. Pierre
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Re: Settlement of the Workers' Compensation Claim of Diane Hawkins vs. MWRDGC, Claim No. 0200005338, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$9,876.60. Account 901-30000-601090.

Dear Sir:

Diane Hawkins is a Maintenance Laborer A (Shift) at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant. Ms. Hawkins sustained an injury to her right foot. She was diagnosed with a fracture at the third metatarsal head of the right foot. After undergoing conservative care, she was able to resume work on May 4, 2012. Ms. Hawkins missed a total of 13 weeks from work.

Subject to the approval of the IWCC, this pro se claim can now be settled for \$9,876.60, which represents 8.5% loss of use of the right foot. This settlement will close out all future medical exposure on this claim.

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.

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April 15, 2013

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Re: Settlement of Brandie Edwards v. MWRD, Case No. 12 CV 8454, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, in the sum of \$8,500.00. Account 901-30000-601090.

Dear Sir:

Brandie Edwards is a Computer Systems Coordinator assigned to MWRD's Downtown Office. On October 20, 2012, Mrs. Edwards filed the above-noted federal lawsuit against MWRD alleging sex discrimination and retaliation.

MWRD and Mrs. Edwards recently entered into a settlement agreement in which she agreed to dismiss this lawsuit and release MWRD from all claims related to her employment (excluding Mrs. Edwards' pending claim before the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, Case No. 11 WC 37087) up through the date of the settlement's execution in exchange for consideration including the MWRD's payment of \$8,500.00, consisting of \$6,500.00 to Mrs. Edwards and \$2,000.00 to her attorney, Michael T. Smith.

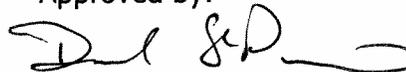
The General Counsel believes this is a reasonable settlement to conclude this matter and requests payment of the referenced sums be approved and he be authorized to execute any further documents as may be necessary to effect the settlement.

Respectfully submitted,



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May 1, 2013

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Re: Settlement of the Workers' Compensation Claim of Ronald Esposito vs. MWRDGC, Claim No. 0200005168, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC), in the sum of \$6,683.81. Account 901-30000-601090.

Dear Sir:

Ronald Esposito is a Pipefitter at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant. Mr. Esposito sustained an injury to his right wrist on June 14, 2011. He was diagnosed with radial styloid tenosynovitis. After undergoing one cortisone injection and several weeks of physical therapy, he was able to resume work on August 1, 2011. Mr. Esposito missed a total of 5-1/2 weeks from work.

Subject to the approval of the IWCC, this pro se claim can now be settled for \$6,683.81, which represents 5% loss of use of the right hand. This settlement will close out all future medical exposure on this claim.

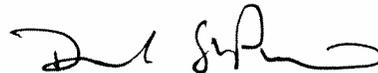
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