



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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## Legislation Text

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### **TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2018**

#### **COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING**

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to negotiate and enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Glenwood to transfer ownership of a force main connected to MWRD's Calumet Intercepting Sewer 17J - Extension C, constructed along Cottage Grove Avenue to exclusively serve a facility owned by T&J Meat Packing

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested to negotiate and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Village of Glenwood (Village) to transfer the ownership, operation and maintenance of a force main currently serving T&J Meat Packing located southeast of the intersection of Cottage Grove Avenue and Glenwood-Dyer Road in Glenwood, Illinois. In 1986, the District constructed approximately 2,300 feet of the four-inch force main as part of Calumet Intercepting Sewer 17J - Extension C, Contract 83-257-3S. At the time of the construction of the subject force main, the T&J Meat Packing property was located in unincorporated Cook County.

Recently, the packing plant property was annexed into the corporate limits of the Village and has sought to do further improvements on site. As part of the required Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO) permit for the improvements planned at the T&J Meat Packing facility, the ownership of the existing sewer system must be clearly designated. Under Illinois law, a municipality such as Glenwood that is located in a county with a population of 3,000,000 or more is responsible for the operation and maintenance of any existing sanitary sewerage system that serves newly annexed territory. See 65 ILCS 5/7-1-18.5.

Accordingly, the District has drafted an IGA between the District and the Village in order to transfer the ownership, operation and maintenance of the force main, and the Village has indicated its willingness to accept these responsibilities. Since the District does not generally own and operate sewer systems exclusively serving a single private user, transfer of ownership and the associated maintenance to the municipality is in the best interest of the District.

Based on the foregoing, the Engineering Department recommends that the District be authorized to negotiate and enter into an IGA with the Village of Glenwood to transfer ownership, operation and maintenance of the subject force main to the Village, and that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, the Executive Director, and the Clerk be authorized to execute said IGA on behalf of the District, upon approval by the Acting Director of Engineering as to technical matters and by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Marcella V. Landis, Acting Director of Engineering, MVL:WSS:JK

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, Frank Avila, Chairman Committee on Engineering

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for January 18, 2018