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Attachments: April 8letter to dwsd.doc

Brom,, attached is a copy of the letter I will be sending to DWSD this morning. First, let me apologize for the tenor of the original draft. However, I hope you can sense our frustration with DWSD. Instead of talking to us, DWSD chose to have a consultant issue press releases in our media market and then conduct live interviews on our local radio stations. This has caused the perception in the community that maybe we don't know what we are doing and have been "reckless" in our analysis of the options. Those releases also include language that makes it appear as though they have provided additional options to us that are less expensive than KWA, again giving the perception that we are not being completely truthful with the public. DWSD needs to understand that this is not helpful in creating a viable working relationship. I can also say in relation to the "bad blood" comment that there is a certain amount of mistrust on the part of the City as it relates to DWSD from the past. Finally, I do appreciate your comments and advise, and am only interested in getting the best long term deal for the City residents. Ed

ELECTRONIC LETTER

April 8, 2013

Sue F. McCormick, Director
Detroit Water and Sewerage Department
735 Randolph, Room 506
Detroit MI 48226

Dear Ms. McCormick:

The City of Flint is in receipt of your email of April 8. In it you indicate you would like to meet to discuss DWSD's recent proposals to Flint. The Emergency Manager, the Mayor and the Genesee County Drain Commissioner are not aware of any "recent proposals". We do see mention of other proposals in the media, but we have received nothing new in writing. In particular Flint takes offense to comments such as "effectively launched the greatest water war in Michigan's history", "reckless push" and a continued reference to "a credible state-sponsored study" that we indicated to you contained several inaccuracies.

It is the City's belief that you made your best offer to us in December of last year. However, having said that, the City of Flint would be willing to review any new options that would be in the best interest of our citizens. Any offer must be in writing, complete in detail, including projected costs over the life of the contract, and provided prior to any meeting. Any offer must also be endorsed by the office of the Detroit Emergency Manager.

Finally, time is of the essence. Please email any of the proposals you referenced in your email to me today.

Sincerely,

Edward Kurtz
Emergency Manager