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Cindy Darrah
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Re: Public Comment – Validation of Drainage Charges

Dear Ms. Darrah,

Please accept this letter as a follow-up to your concern addressed to the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) at our Board of Water Commissioners (BOWC) meeting on January 17, 2018. In your comment, you expressed concern regarding the validity and legal basis of the Drainage Charge.

DWSD is legally obligated to treat the wet weather flows that enters our sewer system by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) NPDES Permit before discharging to a receiving water body. The Drainage Charge is based upon the cost of service to collect, convey, and treat wet weather along with debt for investments in Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) facilities that were installed as a part of permit compliance.

As such, property owners must pay for the cost of service DWSD provides to manage wet weather flows.

Respectfully,

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