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November 16, 2015

Mr. Matt Fulton
City Manager
City of West St. Paul
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Dear Mr. Fulton,

On Tuesday November 10th, we provided the Board of Water Commissioners an update on the proposed improvements to the West St. Paul water system. As you know we have been working closely with you since early this year for a potential water tower site. The goal of what we have been working to accomplish is to increase reliability of the water system in the City. For the most part, water service has been reliable but we have had some issues in recent years that we feel warrant improvement.

As you know the City of West St. Paul is served with an existing 500,000 gallon tank. This tank offers a limited amount of back-up water capacity when power outages occur. Over the last four years the utility has experienced two incidents of power interruption at the West St. Paul pumping station which impacted water supply to customers. Although brief in nature, one of these outages resulted in a do not drink order for the service area. In both these cases the tower drained before we were able to get our mobile backup generators to the site and operational.

Recently, we have been exploring the option of installing a fixed generator at the booster station which would automatically start in the event of a power outage. Many communities rely on generators to provide a reliable source of water to their communities. We believe a fixed generator will provide the needed reliability for West St. Paul as well. This option is supported by the Board of Water Commissioners.

We appreciate the time you have invested in this project. If you would like to discuss this issue further please let me know.

Sincerely,

Stephen P. Schneider
General Manager

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