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Wisconsin Public Service Commission
610 North Whitney Way
Madison, WI 53705

Dear PSC Members:

Last August, I wrote a letter to the Commission expressing my concern about the City of Milwaukee and Mayor Barrett seeking approval of a water rate increase of 36%. In response to concerns expressed by municipalities and consumers, Milwaukee resubmitted the application to reduce the increase to 25%.

My concerns remain the same. The institutions on the County grounds in Wauwatosa would see an increase of 52.7%. This will have a negative impact on those institutions. In addition, the Economic Development Rate that is being proposed only applies to the City of Milwaukee, putting suburban municipalities at a great disadvantage to bring in new businesses or expand existing businesses.

Again, I will reiterate that allowing the City of Milwaukee to balance their operating budget on the backs of water users is irresponsible.

I urge the PSC to deny the proposed rate increase, which is counterintuitive to economic development efforts in the entire county.

Sincerely,

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