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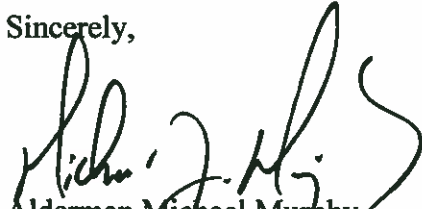
Re: Legal Opinion – “Dividend” from Water Works

Dear Mr. Langley;


Pursuant to background research on the issues relating to a possible privatizing of the Milwaukee Water Works, please provide a legal opinion on the circumstances, terms and conditions under which the Milwaukee Water Works could pay a “dividend” to the City of Milwaukee over and above the utility’s Payment in Lieu of Taxes. This opinion should include the amount of dividend possible and what procedural steps must be taken by both the City and the Water Works to initiate such a dividend.


Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

  
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cc: Comptroller W. Martin Morics