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### VIA ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE

June 13, 2019

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# RE: Consent Decree (Case: No. 1:12-cv-24400-FAM) Reference DOJ Case No. 90-5-1-1-4022/1 Section X, Paragraphs 42(a), 44 and 46 – Stipulated Penalties and Order Modifying Section X (Document 156)

Dear Sir/Madam:

On May 28, 2019, Miami-Dade County (County) received a joint Demand for Stipulated Penalties letter dated May 22, 2019 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). County Quarterly Reports submitted to EPA and FDEP pursuant Section IX, Paragraph 32 of the Consent Decree (CD) between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018 showed that (15) fifteen of the Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) reached waters of the United States. EPA assessed stipulated penalties pursuant to Section X, Paragraph 42.(a) and the Order Modifying Section X (Document 156) of the CD in the amount of \$22,000 for the thirteen (13) SSO events that reached the waters of the United States and were subject to stipulated penalties. The County demonstrated that (1) one of these fifteen (15) SSOs were caused by vandalism and it had used all reasonable measures to prevent these SSOs. In addition, the County demonstrated that one (1) of these fifteen (15) SSOs was caused by Hurricane Irma. As a result, the County is not liable for stipulated penalties for these SSOs pursuant to Paragraph 42.(a).(vi) of the CD.

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In accordance with Paragraph 44 of the CD, the County shall pay within 30 days of receipt of this aforementioned Demand for Stipulated Penalties letter \$11,000 (50%) of the stipulated penalty to EPA and \$11,000 (50%) of the stipulated penalty to FDEP for a total stipulated penalty amount of \$22,000. As required, the County has disbursed a \$11,000 payment via electronic fund transfer (EFT) to the EPA and a \$11,000 payment to the FDEP.

In accordance with Section X, Paragraph 44 and 46 of the above referenced CD, the County is required to submit proof of payment within thirty (30) days of the written demand for the stipulated penalties. Please find copies of the EFT Authorization form, EFT transaction record and a copy of check to FDEP attached herein.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering such information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (786) 552-8884.

Sincerely,

Josenrique Cueto P.E., ENV SP, LEED<sup>®</sup> Green Associate Assistant Director, Planning and Regulatory Compliance

Attachments: Copy of EFT Authorization Form, EFT Transaction Record, and Copy of Check to FDEP

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# Payment of 2017 & 2018 EPA and FDEP Stipulated Penalties Attachments

## Wire Transfer Detail Report

Standard Wire Transfer Detail Report

As of 06/12/2019 Company: MD-WATER User: FRANK BENITEZ

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