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February 13, 1990

Mr. Charlie Crow Hudson Bay M.L.A. Yellowknife, N.W.T.

## Re: Water Subsidy Program Cost Accounting

As most people know that water/sewer subsidy program was called last 3 year's ago, the idea was that program is to pay itself after calculating expenses and charge economic cost to residents.

Once again this cost accounting was to be effective on April 1990, one of the format is not acceptible to every community in the N.W.T., Every water and sewage truck will now have only 1 salary paid operator, which means no more helper the sewage truck can be operated without a helper, but water truck have to be recognized by the people from Yellowknife, it seems like this revision was made by someone who never drove a water truck at 40 below zero, 40 miles an hour winds, and to deliver 100 houses each day, at present we have 1 water truck with operator and helper, they start at 8:00 a.m. up to midnight 6 days a week on the seventh they are on calls.

But with the new system, we do not know what will happen, the operator will have to be like a robot, in our recent workshop, each community was shocked for this unbeleivable revision, we would ask you if you raised a question to the responsible government before it is too late, we would appreciate it if the respond could be made by March 15, 1990.

Sincerely,

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## Revisions to Cost Accounting Guidelines Cost Accounting for Water and Sewage Services

The following guidelines are viewed as necessary in order to control the Water and Sewage Services Subsidy Program expenditures.

## REVENUE

9190 OTHER REVENUE This account will be used to record extraordinary 0 and M funding when provided. Extraordinary funding will be credited as a revenue to water and sever on the same basis as expenditures are being charged.

## **EXPENDITURES**

9210 LABOUR (TRUCKING) Traditionally this has been used to cover all direct labour costs associated with drivers and helpers on the community water and sewage vehicles. The account will be modified and the following changes will be incorporated:

Communities will be allowed to charge labour costs to this cost centre based on only one operator per service vehicle. A community specific hourly rate for that operator will be determined in the following manner. The base hourly rate will be equivalent to what a GNWT employee doing the same job would receive which is \$16.26 per hour. This represents \$1,300.80 per pay period or \$33,935.00 per year. Added to this will be the standard accommodation allowance of \$450.00 per month or \$5,400.00 per year. Employer UIC and CPP will equal \$1,413.00 and employer pension and insurance costs will equal \$2,504.00.

The approximate base cost for one operator on a water or sewage truck is \$43,252.00. Added to this would be Settlement Allowance and Vacation Travel Assistance which is community specific.

The maximum allowable chargeover rate for garbage truck labour is 25% of 1 person year based on the garbage truck operator's wages only.

9214 WORKS Traditionally the percentage of the foreman's salary which has been allowed under this cost centre has been determined by negotiations between MACA and the individual communities and has ranged from as low as 15% to as high as 80%. To provide for a consistent percentage chargeover of the foreman's wages, the maximum allowable chargeover will be capped at (40%)