

COMMISSION FILE NO: 26-021-2 **DATE INTRODUCED:** February 9, 2026

INTRODUCED BY: Executive Director (Signature on File in the Office of the Commission)

REFERRED BY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON TO: Operations Committee

RELATING TO: Reject Bid for Contract C98062C02, DC0103 and DC0603 Repairs

SUMMARY:

The Commission is requested to authorize and to direct the Executive Director to reject the only bid received for Contract C98062C02, DC0103 and DC0603 Repairs.

The District uses diversion chambers within the conveyance system to shift flow from one Metropolitan Interceptor Sewer (MIS) to another, or from the MIS to the Inline Storage System (Deep Tunnel). Diversion chambers are typically designed to be used during wet weather events, while some are only used for maintenance purposes.

Diversion Chambers DC0103 and DC0603 are both located at the intersection of 6th Street and Oklahoma Avenue in Milwaukee. Built between 1985 and 1989, these chambers work together using a series of sluice gates to shift flow between the two treatment plants or send it to the Deep Tunnel during wet weather events. The electrical power distribution systems and the mechanisms that operate the existing sluice gates have reached the end of their useful service life and require replacement to maintain reliable operation. In addition, both structures experience periodic hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) gas exposure, which accelerates corrosion of mechanical and electrical equipment.

The District developed a bid package and publicly advertised a contract to repair the diversion chambers and address equipment exposure to H₂S. In December 2025, the District received one bid from Lee Mechanical, Inc., (Lee) in an amount of \$1,331,646. This bid is over two times the engineer's estimate of \$500,000.

ATTACHMENTS: **BACKGROUND** ☐ **KEY ISSUES** ☐ **RESOLUTION** ☒

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After the bid, District staff reached out to Lee to request a breakdown of their bid to understand why the bid came in significantly higher than the estimate. Lee indicated that cost associated with materials and equipment was \$901,646, far exceeding the amount District staff anticipated.

Based on this, staff recommends that the District reject the bid, further evaluate material costs, conduct more outreach to facilitate greater interest in the project, and rebid the contract. Rebidding the contract will provide an opportunity to obtain more competitive pricing.

RESOLUTION

Reject Bid for Contract C98062C02, DC0103 and DC0603 Repairs

RESOLVED, by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to reject the bid received for Contract C98062C02, DC0103 and DC0603 Repairs.