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Mr. Ernie Stickler
Public Utilities Superintendent
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3920 U.S. 42 North
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Re: Mason, Ohio
Water Reclamation Plant
Improvements
MAS9900002B1

Dear Mr. Stickler:

We are nearing completion of the design phase of the Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) Improvements project. The documents have been submitted to Ohio EPA and we are currently in the process of completing our quality assurance review of the plans and specifications. The cooperation and input from the Mason WRP and Engineering and Building Department staff has been very important to the development and completion of the project.



In an effort to expedite completion of the project, FPS has been directed by the City to proceed with design changes recommended as a result of the Value Engineering process that was recently completed.

A great deal of time and effort has been expended by FPS staff members at the City's request to provide much needed and requested input before, during and after the Value Engineering (VE) Study. We were asked by the City to provide input on the selection of the VE firm. We were also requested to prepare a presentation of the project at the kickoff of the study as well as to provide assistance and design data throughout the course of the study. At the end of the study, we were asked by the City to evaluate the recommendations of the study and to prepare a report on the validity of the proposed changes.

We request that you consider these tasks as additional services provided for under Section 2 of our Agreement for Engineering Services dated January 7, 1991 and amended June 6, 1996, and amend the agreed upon engineering fee accordingly. We have expended approximately 950 unplanned hours to respond to the requests of City staff to complete these additional services. Therefore, we respectfully request that you consider a fee amendment in the amount of \$85,000 to compensate us for the additional time to provide the requested engineering services relating to the Value Engineering process.

It has been a pleasure working with the Mason staff to complete the design of this important project for the City, and we appreciate the assistance and dedication of your staff throughout the development of the project. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this request, please feel free to call.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen J. Aspacher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Allen J. Aspacher, P.E.