Establish Manhole Rehab Team: In addition to the existing programs, the City is embarking upon specialized in-house Manhole rehabilitation and Infiltration teams to accelerate needed repairs. Current contract costs allow for thirty manholes per year to be rehabilitated. An in-house team will be capable of completing more than double the number of manholes at less cost. Significant investment in equipment, training and personnel have been identified for the program. Proposal is currently under review for FY2020 budget.

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA): A contract has been issued to EMC (Electric Machine and Control) for all City Lift Stations and Treatment Facilities. The project is underway and currently in the engineering phase. The contractor has committed to completing the project by June 2019. This system will allow facilities to communicate and increase near immediate response to abnormal system conditions.

Purchase Portable Generators for lift stations:

Over the past four years, the City has purchased and installed seven emergency backup generators and one diesel-powered emergency backup pump at high-priority lift stations throughout the collection system. Seven more generators have been purchased and will be dispersed to predetermined lift stations upon their delivery. Additional generators will be acquired in the future to further harden our Utility systems.

While SSO's within the collection system related to I&I have been significantly reduced, the City continues to deploy additional resources and advanced technology toward the elimination of overflows. We acknowledge that much work remains and are committed to making all necessary improvements to ensure that all SSO's are eliminated.

In closing we thank you for working with us. Please let us know if you require further information. We look forward to our meeting in April and appreciate the professional working relationship we enjoy.

Respectfully,

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