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Mary Elliott
City Clerk, City of Haddam
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Re: Water loss and other issues

Dear Mary;

This is a follow up letter to the water loss survey I conducted today as requested because of some water getting into a couple of basements.

I did not detect movement of water in the general area of the two houses or even west up the hill for one block. The leak up on the hill west three blocks seems to have become worse and even though I don't think this leak should be contributing to the water in the basements I need to address it again and see if maybe I could pinpoint it. I also detected pipe noise on Main St., west of the firehouse. I will need to verify it the next time I can be at the city. I believe that with all the rains that that water in the basements of the houses is probably just high water table levels due saturated ground. But I could be wrong -- and I will try to get there and find that leak as soon as I can. I would like to have somebody available also when I do.

As for our visit about the meter reading and that there was 30 meters not read this month because of the water in the pits and 10 last month and that you have supplied the person reading meters with a pump I guess it would be up to the council to address the problem. The meters should be pumped out and read to get an accurate handle on the water loss. It is a common problem especially with all the rain we have had; it is not difficult to pump the meter well out and read the meter.

And as for the new meters that have been purchased and not installed, those are not contributing to the city's revenue needs as you know some of the meters are not registering correctly. Nor does this help reduce water loss. I realize everybody is busy but the city should make this a priority if they have any desire to find and correct the water loss. I will be glad to come assist someone in changing meters out if need be.

Please feel free to contact Kansas Rural Water Association or me if we can be of further assistance. I enjoyed the opportunity to work with you on this and look forward to working with you in the future. If you have any questions please feel free to call me (785-541-0342). Also, visit the KRWA website www.krwa.net for news and information concerning water and wastewater utilities, training opportunities and other KRWA programs.

Again, thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Greg Metz
Technical Assistant

C: Jack Adee, Mayor
Joseph Greenwood, Council
Jerry Baker, Operator