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TO:

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ANOKA

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ANOKA COUNTY
PROPERTY REC AND TAX

**Petition to Transfer a Portion
of County Ditch 28-9
from County Authority to City Authority**

**City of Ham Lake, Minnesota
October, 2003**

To: The Auditor, Anoka County, Minnesota: ATTN: Maureen Devine

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103E.812, the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota ("City") as a Water Management Authority, does hereby request that the County of Anoka transfer to the City the water management authority for that portion of County Ditch 28-9 which is depicted and described on hereto attached Exhibit A, incorporated by reference herein and made a part hereof.

The City represents and States as follows:

1. Necessity for Orderly Management

The transfer is necessary for the orderly management of storm, surface or flood waters for the following reasons:

- a) Substantial urban development has recently been implemented in the area which will contribute to additional local stormwater runoff;
- b) The ditch lies on the border between Ham Lake and East Bethel, and is in close proximity to the intersection of 181st Avenue NE (the Ham Lake/East Bethel borderline) and T.H. 65, which intersection is currently the subject of substantial modifications by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Placing the ditch portion under the control of the City will serve to consolidate responsibility for maintenance, ensuring appropriate attention and response time for ditch maintenance.
- c) The City's proposal is to place a portion of the ditch within an enclosed piping system, thereby enabling improved drainage features to be installed in connection with the 181st Avenue/T.H. 65 Intersection reconstruction.

2. Impact of the Transfer

The proposed transfer will have no negative impact on upstream or downstream properties which are affected by or served by the ditch. The proposed work will in fact improve surface water flow out of the localized area, without endangering any downstream properties. By enclosing a portion of the ditch within a piping system, the project will tend to lessen future drainage problems which might otherwise occur through siltation, vegetative invasion and erosion.

3. Engineering Report

Attached hereto as Exhibit B is the report of RFC Engineering, Inc., establishing:

- a) the nature and extent of the drainage easement occupied by the drainage system, and
- b) the as-constructed or subsequently improved depth, grade and hydraulic capacity of the drainage system.

Respectfully Submitted,

City of Ham Lake

By: *Doris Nivala*
Doris Nivala, Administrator

Dated: 10/21/03

