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NEWS RELEASE

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Franchise Fee Settlement Payments Issued

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Eligible Dubuque utility customers who filed a claim to be part of the Zaber vs. City of Dubuque franchise fee lawsuit are now receiving their payments. Some payment recipients are contacting City of Dubuque offices with questions about the payment.

Anyone with questions related to their payment or the lawsuit, should contact the court-designated settlement agent, Rust Consulting, by visiting www.dubuquefranchisefeesettlement.com or by calling toll-free 1-855-263-3445. The deadline to file a claim has passed. No additional claims are being accepted.

Background

A settlement was reached in the class action lawsuit against the City of Dubuque concerning gas and electric franchise fees charged to utility customers. Utility customers eligible for the lawsuit included persons who were billed for gas or utility service within the city between September 5, 2001, and May 25, 2009. The settlement was approved by the Court at the Fairness Hearing on August 28, 2015. The final distribution order was approved by the Court on May 12, 2016 and is available at www.dubuquefranchisefeesettlement.com.

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