



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
Washington, DC 20240

DEC 10 2007

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1304

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter communicates our findings on the promptness of payments the Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS) made to the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DCWASA) for water and sewer services billed during the fourth quarter (July 1 through September 30, 2007) of fiscal year 2007.

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The fourth quarter invoices for the 14<sup>th</sup> & Thomas Circle Building in the amount of \$172 have been paid in full. The water and sewer services for this address will be included in the electronic transfer of funds starting with the first quarter of fiscal year 2008.

NPS was timely in its fourth quarter electronic fund transfer payment of \$381,849. The third quarter of fiscal year 2007 bill for the George Washington Memorial Parkway of \$1,604 was received in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2007 and paid in a timely manner.

The outstanding balance from previous quarters for the 14<sup>th</sup> & Thomas Circle Building in the amount of \$295 has been paid in full.

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The third quarter bill for the C&O Canal National Historical Park (Carderock/Great Falls) in the amount of \$6,035 was received in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2007 and paid in a timely manner.

NPS had not received all of the fourth quarter bills at the time of our inquiry. The fourth quarter invoice for the U.S. Park Police Raleigh Building in the amount of \$6 has not been received. In our next quarterly report, we will include information as to whether these bills have been received and paid in a timely manner.

Should you have questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at (202) 208-5745 or Mr. Roy Kime, Attorney Advisor, Office of Inspector General, at (202) 208-6232.

Sincerely,

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*for* Earl E. Devaney  
Inspector General



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The Honorable Sam Brownback  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1604

Dear Senator Brownback:

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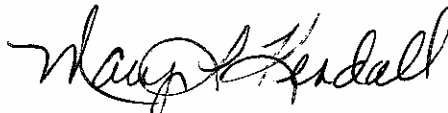
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The Honorable Jose E. Serrano  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-3216

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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The Honorable Ralph Regula  
Ranking Minority Member  
Subcommittee on Financial Services  
and General Government  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-3516

Dear Congressman Regula:

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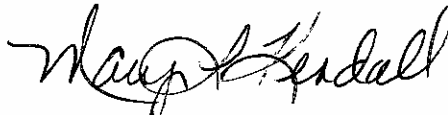
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