CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

03-106

AGENDA:

MARCH 10, 2003

SUBJECT:

AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAMS PIPELINE AND WORLDCOM NETWORK

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

WILLIAM G. STOWE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ITEM _

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS —

Approve the Agreement providing for the extension of City sanitary sewer service to the property owned by Williams Pipeline Company in Pleasant Hill, Iowa.

FISCAL IMPACT —

None

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

Williams Pipeline, as owner of the property at 4500-A Carlisle Road in Pleasant Hill, Iowa, operates a maintenance facility and leases a portion of the property to WorldCom Network, which owns a building and operates a fiber optics junction facility upon the leasehold portion of the property.

Williams Pipeline has proposed that its domestic wastewater and its HVAC process water originating from its maintenance facility on its property be transported through a City of Des Moines sanitary sewer for treatment at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility. WorldCom has also proposed that its domestic wastewater and its HVAC process water originating from said fiber optics junction facility on the property be transported through a City of Des Moines sanitary sewer for treatment at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

Williams and WorldCom have proposed to construct pump stations on the property as well as a sewer force main in the Carlisle Road right-of-way in Pleasant Hill for the purpose of conveying their domestic wastewater. They would also like to process wastewater, originating on the property, to a manhole on the public sanitary sewer at East 43rd Street and Carlisle Road.

The City has determined that the limited quantities of the domestic wastewater and HVAC process water originating at the Williams and WorldCom facilities in Pleasant Hill can be accommodated by the City's present pump station and sanitary sewer system.

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It is the City's policy that whenever it determines that it would be in the best interests of the City and its citizens to do so, it will permit the use of its sanitary sewer system by persons or entities outside the corporate limits of the City, upon payment of just and equitable sewer charges.

The City has determined that it would be in the best interests of the City and its citizens to extend City sanitary sewer service to the Williams and WorldCom facilities in Pleasant Hill, given that said facilities provide services to businesses and the citizens of Des Moines.

The City and MidAmerican representatives have negotiated the terms of an Agreement and Covenant Regarding Sewer Service Outside City Limits, providing for the extension of City of Des Moines sewer service to the Williams Pipeline property in Pleasant Hill, and providing for Williams' and WorldCom's payment of just and equitable sewer service fees to the City of Des Moines.

