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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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The Honorable Marion S. Barry, Jr.
Mayor of the District of Columbia



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Dear Mayor Barry:

Subject: Approval of the design of the District
of Columbia government's Water and Sewer
Billing System (AFMD-81-115)

It is my pleasure to approve the system design for the District of Columbia government's Water and Sewer Billing System, as requested in the City Administrator's letter of September 25, 1981. The design is adequate and conforms in all material respects to the accounting principles and standards statement.

The approved system design shall be deemed to be a part of the District of Columbia government's financial planning, reporting, accounting, control, and operating procedures, as provided in Public Law 94-399, dated September 4, 1976.

This system is limited to the billing and collection cycle. This cycle includes establishing and maintaining customer accounts, meter reading, billing, and processing payments, reports, and accounts receivable. The system interfaces with the Financial Management System, the District government's central accounting system.

In evaluating the system design we looked at the automated data processing functions primarily to determine their adequacy as to internal controls, audit trails, data integrity, and consistency with accounting specifications.

To maintain an approved status, any planned changes in the system design should be discussed with our representatives and, if deemed significant, submitted formally for approval.

We suggest that your internal auditors periodically review the system in operation to assure that it is operating as prescribed. At some future date, we will

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examine selected aspects of the system and advise you whether they are functioning effectively and in accordance with the approved design.

Please express our appreciation to the staff members of the Department of Environmental Services, Office of Budget and Finance's Revenue Division, for their cooperation during our review.

Sincerely yours,

MILTON J. SOCOLAR
Acting Comptroller General
of the United States

bc: Mr. Campbell
Mrs. Robinson
Mr. Donlon
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The Honorable George Bush
President of the Senate

Dear Mr. President:

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This is to advise you that after consultation with Senator Thomas F. Eagleton, Chairman of the Temporary Commission on Financial Oversight of the District of Columbia, we have approved the District of Columbia government's Water and Sewer Billing System design.

As indicated in our approval letter to the Mayor (copy enclosed), the approved system design shall be deemed to be a part of the District of Columbia government's financial planning, reporting, accounting, control, and operating procedures, as provided in Public Law 94-399, dated September 4, 1976.

We are sending copies of this letter to all members of the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

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