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March 13, 2017

Susie Valentin
2nd Deputy Comptroller
1 Roosevelt Square (Comptroller's Office)
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

RE: Sprague Energy Account

Dear Ms. Valentin,

Sprague Operating Resources provides gasoline and diesel fuel to the entire City of Mount Vernon fleet including the Department of Public Works, the Fire Department, and the Police Department. Due to the outstanding balance on their account, they have refused to supply our fleet with fuel leaving the city in a precarious situation. As a record-breaking Nor'easter Blizzard approaches our city it is imperative we pay the total balance owed in full as of today, so we are certain our vehicles will be able to operate during this emergency.

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The following invoices are more than 60 days past due and must be paid immediately.

Referenced Invoice Numbers

1. Invoice Number # [REDACTED] - 01/20/2017 - \$5,367.75 (included in check [REDACTED])
2. Invoice Number # [REDACTED] - 01/27/2017 - \$4,152.26 (included in check [REDACTED])
3. Invoice Number # [REDACTED] - 02/07/2017 - \$5,026.75 (check [REDACTED])

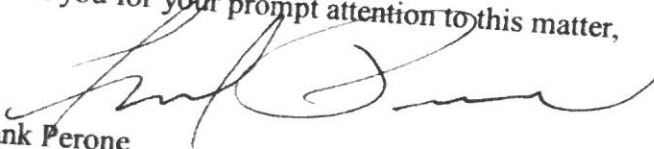
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Please void check(s) [REDACTED] in the amount \$9,520.01 and # [REDACTED] in the amount of \$5,026.75; and reissue a new check in the amount of \$14,546.76 to Sprague Energy today.

It is essential that Sprague is paid the amount past due immediately. The Department of Public Works cannot stress enough the danger the city faces due to the lack of fuel for city vehicles.

In the event that Sprague cannot deliver, due to the fact that the storm is less than twelve hours away and their payment has been delayed for so long, the Department of Public Works has a backup plan to purchase fuel from another vendor. It is the DPW's understanding that the City of Mount Vernon Law Department will take the legal steps necessary to authorize and expedite an emergency fuel purchase from a different vendor should the Department of Finance fail to issue a check in a timely manner. It is necessary that the Department of Finance be ready and able to issue a check immediately to Sprague (and any back-up vendor should one be required). It is essential that our police, fire, emergency services, snow plows, and sanitation checks receive fuel in order to operate and to ensure the safety of our citizens.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter,


Frank Perone
DPW Deputy Commissioner

CC: Richard Thomas, Mayor
Maureen Walker, Comptroller
Lawrence Porcari, Corporation Counsel
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