

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 18-585

Pertaining to settlement of a claim by Century Link Communications, LLC.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Staff and City of Saint Paul Office of Risk Management recommends payment of \$8,986.89 to Century Link Communications, LLC as final settlement of a claim for property damages resulting from a November 14, 2017 water service pipe installation by SPRWS in which a Century Link-owned communications conduit was damaged.

See attached Summary and resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval is recommended.

Summary of Incident and Claim

On November 14, 2017, Saint Paul Regional Water Services ("SPRWS") replaced a lead service connection with a new one-inch copper service connection to 664 Fairview Ave N. At the time of installation, the crew was unaware its' boring tool had passed through a Century Link conduit and the copper service pipe was pulled through the hole in the conduit.

On November 21, 2017 Century Link excavated and discovered a water service connection bored through the Century Link conduit. SPRWS offset the 1-inch copper pipe beneath the conduit and Century Link repaired the damaged conduit and communication lines.

Typically, these conduits and most utilities, with the exception of sewer pipes, are not installed as deep as water service connections so SPRWS routinely bores beneath other utilities. However, SPRWS' crew acknowledged they did not see the Century Link paint markings and should have requested confirmation from Century Link there would be no conflict boring beneath the conduits.

At this time, Sandra Bodensteiner of City of Saint Paul Risk Management recommends payment of \$8,986.89 to Century Link Communications, LLC as final settlement of a claim for property damage related to this incident.