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April 24, 2014

Michael D. Williams Williams & Aandal, P.A. P. O. Box 159 Warren, MN 56762 VIA E-MAIL & US MAIL (dwpa@mncable.net)

Re: A-7886 Oslo/Oak Park Township (City Petition for Annexation; 244.85 acres)

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Office of Administrative Hearings, Municipal Boundary Adjustment Unit acknowledges receipt of the above-referenced petition for annexation to the City of Oslo. Please refer to the above-referenced docket number in future communications regarding this proposed annexation.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.09, Subd. 1(a), the first hearing will be scheduled within 30 to 60 days on this matter. You will receive further information and instructions from this office prior to the date set for the hearing. As we discussed, the first hearing will be brief and will be continued to a later date. The evidentiary part of the hearing will be held after an administrative law judge from this office is assigned.

This office will cause a copy of the Notice of Hearing to be published. Pursuant to the Rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Municipal Boundary Adjustments, Chapter 6000, specifically Rule 6000.1200, the petitioner must pay for publication of notices of hearing required by Minn. Stat. § 414.09.

Also, please review Minn. Stat. § 414.0333 Joint Informational Meeting for the requirement of the joint meeting between the city and the township.

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Since a hearing is a costly and lengthy procedure, we recommend that the city discuss the proposed annexation with its neighbors to determine if an agreement at the local level is possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Starlene J. Holman

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