

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
**INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Date: April 10, 2014

To: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Gary Waszak, Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services

**Subject: WE Energies Request for a Gas Easement at the County Grounds – Action Item**

**ISSUE**

The Department of Administrative Services, Facilities Management Division (DAS-FM) respectfully requests authorization to grant WE Energies a permanent easement to allow for the construction, operation and maintenance of gas distribution facilities on the County Grounds at the north side of Wisconsin Avenue east of STH 45.

**BACKGROUND**

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has been legislatively authorized to reconstruct the Zoo Interchange by the State of Wisconsin and by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under various state and federal statutes and codes. Various utilities on the County Grounds will be impacted by the proposed interchange improvements, including WE Energies gas distribution system that services County buildings and lessee buildings.

WE Energies has requested a permanent gas easement to install, operate and maintain new gas piping, valves and an existing gas pressure regulating station at the north side of Wisconsin Avenue east of STH 45. The easement boundaries will encompass the existing gas pressure regulating station, that currently sits north of the Wisconsin Avenue right of way on County lands, and the area required to install the new piping. The gas main and pressure regulating station provide gas service to the eastern side of the Medical Complex. See Attachment A for the gas facilities/easement location.

The gas piping alignment has been set in conjunction with proposed Zoo Interchange improvements, and to minimize impacts to County and lessee property. All areas disturbed by the construction, operation or maintenance of the subject gas service will be restored to DAS-FM specifications at no cost to the County. Appropriate County staff will review and approve all documents as required prior to execution.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Director of DAS-FM respectfully recommends that DAS-FM, Corporation Counsel and Risk Management staff be authorized to negotiate, prepare, review, approve, execute and record all documents and perform all actions required to grant a permanent gas easement to WE Energies for the construction, operation and maintenance of gas distribution facilities servicing the County Grounds. It is further recommended that the County Executive and County Clerk be authorized to execute the easement and required documents.

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**Recommended by:**



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Architecture, Engineering &  
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**Approved by:**



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Facilities Management Division  
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Attachment A: Proposed gas service/easement location

cc: Chris Abele, County Executive  
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**PROPOSED EASEMENT AREA AT MILWAUKEE COUNTY GROUNDS**

