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Dear Ratepayer:

You will see on your sewer bill a surcharge for the relocation of the District's sewer main in Aurora Avenue as part of the City of Shoreline's Aurora Corridor Widening Project. The surcharge is shown as the, "City of Shoreline Aurora Corridor Utility Relocation Surcharge*."

Below this line item, in the message box, is a brief statement: "*The City of Shoreline requires that Ronald Wastewater District relocate the existing sanitary sewer mainline in Aurora Avenue as part of the City's street widening project. For information pertaining to the surcharge, please call the District office and ask to speak with the General Manager or go to our website at www.ronaldwastewater.org."

Why is the sanitary sewer line being relocated? On December 18, 2008, the Capital Projects Manager for the City of Shoreline informed us that they are requiring us to relocate the sanitary sewer line. We discussed the alternative of redesigning the storm water collection system with city staff since it has not yet been constructed and so that our existing sanitary sewer line could remain where it is. City staff refused this alternative.

How much will the relocation cost? There are two areas along Aurora Avenue where our sanitary sewer lines will be relocated: On the west side of Aurora Ave N from N. 167th Street northerly to N 170th Street, and on the west side of Aurora Avenue N just north of N. 185th Street.

We have asked for and received bids to relocate the sanitary sewer line from N. 167th Street north to N 170th Street. The cost for this relocation is \$183,970.95 including tax. The cost to relocate the next portion of sanitary sewer mainline, which is just north of N. 185th Street, is estimated to be \$116,029.05 or less. The total estimated relocation cost is \$300,000. This is the dollar amount we used to calculate the surcharge.

If you are a residential customer, the relocation surcharge you will pay is \$1.00 each month. Because the sewer bill is for two months, the surcharge will be \$2.00 each bill. If you are a commercial customer, the relocation surcharge will be \$1.00 each month per Residential Customer Equivalent (RCE). For example, if the account has 10 RCEs, the relocation surcharge will be \$10.00 each month.

How long will the surcharge last? Twelve months or less, depending on the actual costs of the relocation. Once the relocation costs have been paid, we will remove the surcharge.

The City of Shoreline will be widening Aurora Avenue from N 185th Street to N 205th

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Street at some point in the future. Ronald Wastewater District has a great deal more sanitary sewer line in this northern portion of Aurora Avenue and the cost to relocate the sanitary sewer system could be several million dollars. We have again approached City staff and encouraged them to seriously explore designing the storm sewer system so that Ronald Wastewater District will not be required to relocate its existing sanitary sewer lines. We are pleased to report that the City's initial reaction has been positive – they will explore other alternatives to the costly relocation of the existing sanitary sewer system.

We invite you to contact us if you would like to know more about the surcharge or the relocation of the sanitary sewer line. Please contact the General Manager, Michael U. Derrick at the address or phone number that is at the top of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael U. Derrick". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael U. Derrick
General Manager

cc: Board of Commissioners.