NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

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Important Deadlines are inside

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What is this About? A settlement has been proposed in a class action lawsuit pending in the Connecticut Superior Court for the Judicial District of Hartford. The lawsuit alleges that the Metropolitan District Commission ("MDC") charged customers in four towns (East Granby, Farmington, Glastonbury, and South Windsor) an unlawful surcharge (the "Surcharge") from 3/6/12 to 10/1/14. The case is known as *Paetzold v. MDC*, Dkt. No. X07-HHD-CV-18-6090558-S.

Paetzold v. MDC c/o JND Legal Administration PO Box 91208 Seattle, WA 98111

CLASS MEMBER IDENTIFIER [CLASS MEMBER ID IN DIGITS]

[FIRST1] [LAST1] [BUSINESSNAME] [ADDR1][ADDR2] [CITY] [ST] [ZIP] **Who's Included?** Subject to certain exclusions, the class action affects: All property owners who were charged the Surcharge by the Metropolitan District Commission during the period from March 6, 2012 through October 1, 2014. If you are receiving this notice, you are a Class Member according to the MDC's records. Please visit www.paetzoldsettlement.com for further information on exclusions.

What benefits are provided? Class Members who are Current MDC Customers are entitled to a credit on their MDC water service account up to 103% of the amount they paid for non-member town surcharges during the relevant period. Class Members who are Former MDC Customers are entitled to a cash payment up to 100% of the amount they paid for non-member town surcharges during the relevant period. Both benefits are subject to potential pro-rata reduction based on any award of attorneys' fees and expenses and class representative service awards by the Court.

Your Rights and Options. If you are a member of the Class, you can either (1) do nothing, remain in the Class and receive compensation as set forth above; (2) exclude yourself; or (3) object. If you do nothing, you will receive compensation if you are eligible, and you will release any claims you may have against the MDC relating to the Surcharge. If you exclude yourself, you will not receive compensation under the Settlement but you may pursue your own relief or participate in another lawsuit. If you want to stay in the Settlement, but object to its terms, you may file an Objection. If you choose to exclude yourself or object, you must do so by **AUGUST 19**, **2020**, following the procedures at www.paetzoldsettlement.com.

Who Represents Me? The Court appointed Izard Kindall & Raabe LLP as Class Counsel, whom you do not have to pay. If you want your own lawyer, you may hire one at your expense.

Final Approval Hearing. The Court will hold a hearing on September 3, 2020, to consider whether to approve the Settlement and whether to award up to \$1,920,000 (25% of the total Settlement value) in Attorneys' Fees and Expenses and/or \$5,000 to each of the Class Representatives as a Service Award.

How do I receive updates on the litigation? To receive updates as this litigation proceeds, to view important documents, or for more information go to www.paetzoldsettlement.com. You may also send an email to info@paetzoldsettlement.com or call 1-(888)-383-0310.