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GLWA Board of Directors Eliminates Highland Park Bad Debt Recovery Charge Increase in the Fiscal Year 2023 Member Partner Services Charges

DETROIT – The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Board of Directors today voted to eliminate the bad debt recovery amounts related to Highland Park in the Fiscal Year 2023 charges that were passed in March 2022. This reduces charges by \$6.7 million (\$1.3 million for water and \$5.4 million for sewer). GLWA will send out updated charge allocation sheets to each member partner community.

The board took this action in light of the recent order from Wayne County Circuit Court requiring Highland Park to resume making escrow payments to GLWA representing 65 percent of Highland Park’s water and sewer receipts, the requests made recently by Governor Gretchen Whitmer and other officials, and anticipates the continued engagement of all stakeholders to bring a full and final resolution to this matter.

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About the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA)

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is the provider-of-choice for drinking water services to nearly 40 percent, and efficient and effective wastewater services to nearly 30 percent, of Michigan’s population. With the Great Lakes as source water, GLWA is uniquely positioned to provide those it serves with water of unquestionable quality. GLWA also has the capacity to extend its services beyond its 88 member partner communities. As part of its commitment to water affordability, the Authority offers a Water Residential Assistance Program to assist low-income households in participating member communities throughout the system. GLWA’s board includes one representative each from Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, two representatives from the city of Detroit, and one appointed by the Michigan governor to represent member partner communities outside of the tri-county area.