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To the Board of Directors  
Griffiss Utility Services Corporation and Subsidiary

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Griffiss Utility Services Corporation and Subsidiary for the year ended December 31, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated January 4, 2016. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

**Significant Audit Findings**

*Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Griffiss Utility Services Corporation and Subsidiary are described in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements. As described in Note 1, the Organization changed accounting policies related to debt issuance costs by adopting FASB Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2015-03, Interest-Imputation of Interest: Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. Accordingly, the accounting change has been retrospectively applied to prior periods presented as if the policy had always been used. We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the consolidated financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the consolidated financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

The most sensitive estimates affecting the consolidated financial statements are management's estimates of the depreciation lives and methods of capital assets and the allowance for doubtful accounts. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

The consolidated financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

*Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

*Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. The attached schedule summarizes uncorrected misstatements of the financial statements. Management has determined that their effects are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

*Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the consolidated financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

*Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated March 28, 2017.

*Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's consolidated financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

*Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Organization's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the consolidated financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the consolidated financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of Griffiss Utility Services Corporation and Subsidiary and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*D'Arcangelo + Co., LLP*

March 28, 2017

Utica, New York