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Dear Customer:

Many of us know that fat and grease are bad for us. Bigger waistlines and clogged arteries can be the cost of high fat and grease consumption. Did you also know that fat and grease are bad for the sewer system? Ordinary cooking grease (such as lard, shortening, butter and margarine) has been identified as one of the leading causes of dry weather overflows from the sewer system. In fact, many of the overflows last year in Searcy's sewer system were the result of stoppages from grease. It has been estimated that the average cost to respond to a grease-clogged main sewer line overflow is \$360. As you know, since all our revenue comes from our customers in the form of rates, you, the customer, end up paying for these blockages and their clean-up.

Fat and grease can also clog the sewer service line from your home or business, costing you money and hassle whenever your own sewer line gets clogged. You can help solve this problem by following a simple message: "**Can the Grease.**" "**Can the Grease**" is a program adopted by the Searcy Board of Public Utilities to help combat our grease problem. By pouring your used cooking grease into a can, such as a canned vegetable can, and then throwing it away, you will help get rid of fat and grease from ever getting into the sewer to begin with. As a service to you, we are providing to each customer a "**Can the Grease**" reusable plastic lid that you can use to cover your "grease can." The lid will fit a number of different sizes of commonly used cans, and you can store your "grease can" in the freezer until it is full. Then, just throw the can and the grease in the garbage, and reuse the lid on another can. We also have available a brochure entitled, "**Fat-Free Sewers.**" This brochure outlines problems related to grease buildup in sewer systems, and lists some other easy options for disposing of cooking grease. If you would like a "**Can the Grease**" plastic lid, or a "**Fat-Free Sewers**" brochure, let us know and we'll be happy to send you one of each.

Thank you for assisting us in fighting this greasy problem. We hope that you find the reusable plastic lid useful and practical for your needs. If you have any questions, please call us at 268-2481.

Sincerely,

SEARCY WATER UTILITIES

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Dawson", is written over the printed name and title.

Daniel K. Dawson
General Manager