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WHY AN INCREASE IN STREET CAR FARE IS NECESSARY

TO THE PUBLIC:

We take the liberty of quoting in full the reply of President Wilson, dated at the White House, February 19, 1918 to the Honorable Wm. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury

"My dear Mr. Secretary:

"I have examined with care the memoranda and letters which you transmitted to me with your letter of the fifteenth. I fully share the views you express regarding the importance of the public services utilities as a part of our national equipment, especially in wartime. It is essential that these utilities should be maintained at their maximum efficiency and that everything reasonably possible should be done with that end in view. I hope that State and local authorities, where they have not already done so, will, when the facts are properly laid before them, respond promptly to the necessities of the situation.

"I shall be glad to have you communicate with the local authorities whenever the information in your possession suggests that such a course is desirable and in the national interests.

"Cordially yours
(Signed) "WOODROW WILSON

"Hon. William G. McAdoo,
"Secretary of the Treasury"

It is clear from the correspondence between President Wilson and the Secretary of the Treasury, that the Federal Authorities at Washington fully realize the serious situation confronting Street Railway Companies and other public utility companies as the result of war conditions, and that the local authorities are expected to respond promptly to the national needs when the matter is fairly and properly brought before them.

THE DULUTH STREET RAILWAY COMPANY

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