

CITY OF NASHUA
Petition for Valuation Pursuant to RSA 38:9
DW 04-048

City of Nashua's Responses to Staff's Public Interest
Data Requests – Set 1 Round 2

Date Request Received: July 8, 2005

Date of Response: July 29, 2005

Request No. 2-6

Respondent: Brian S. McCarthy

Request: As a follow-up to Nashua's response to Staff 1-14, please indicate whether it is a correct interpretation of Nashua's response to say that the District would be willing to entertain the acquisition of a troubled small system only if that system was under some form of municipal or governmental ownership.

Response: The answer was not intended to indicate that the District would only entertain acquisition of municipally owned water systems. It did intend to say that the District would consider such acquisitions on a case by case basis and that one consideration would be whether it made sense from a geographic perspective. The City believes that the transfer of the franchises for the water system from Nashua to the District will require a Commission proceeding to determine whether the transfer is in the public interest, at which time the role of the District as an owner of last resort for troubled small systems maybe addressed.

Nashua is also willing to accept as a condition of approval that its transfer of the franchises and assets of the water system will require a prior determination by the Commission that such a transfer is in the public interest.

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