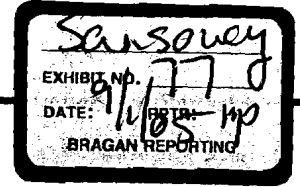


EXHIBIT 15

George E. Sansoucy, P.E.,LLC



From: George E. Sansoucy, P.E.,LLC [sansoucy@starband.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 01, 2004 3:35 PM
To: 'Streeter, Bernie'; 'Hersh, Katherine'
Cc: 'Anderson, Carol'; 'Connell, David'; 'McCarthy, Brian'; 'Rob Upton (E-mail)'; 'Morrissey, Brian'; 'Sousa, Mark'; 'mail@sansoucy.com'
Subject: RE: Water - Contracts and financial transaction Attorney

Please let's not talk publicly i.e., open e-mail, about people or companies who have approached us to do work. Let's put it on our meeting agenda only. I receive numerous calls from engineers, other lawyers, and financial consultants, all looking for some piece of the action in Nashua or wanting us to lobby on their behalf before city officials. We have a team that includes Carol Anderson's group, Rob's people, Dave Connell, and my staff that have a proven track record and loyalties to the city of Nashua. I am skeptical about getting anyone else involved at this time that might innocently say something about Pennichuck and trigger any type of investigation. In the last two takings, for example, the operating contracts were drafted originally by myself and Phil and reviewed by various attorneys involved. Many conditions of these contracts will ultimately be a product of the PUC hearings and negotiations. Any backup legal review is only cost effective in the final phase of the contract twelve or more months from now.

-----Original Message-----

From: Streeter, Bernie [mailto:StreeterB@ci.nashua.nh.us]
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2004 10:21 AM
To: Hersh, Katherine
Cc: Anderson, Carol; Connell, David; McCarthy, Brian; Rob Upton (E-mail); Skip Sansoucy (E-mail); Morrissey, Brian; Sousa, Mark
Subject: RE: Water - Contracts and financial transaction Attorney

In the future let's talk about these type of requests internally at one of our meetings. Let Mark know & he will put it on the agenda.

B.

-----Original Message-----

From: Hersh, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2004 9:11 AM
To: Anderson, Carol; 'Rob Upton'; 'sansoucy@starband.net'; Streeter, Bernie; 'Brian McCarthy'; Connell, David; McCarthy, Brian; Morrissey, Brian; Sousa, Mark
Subject: RE: Water - Contracts and financial transaction Attorney

Fine with me. Not having done this before, I am not familiar with some of the intricacies. I'm sure we will continue to get similar calls, and I will share the info in case anyone is interested.

-----Original Message-----

From: Anderson, Carol
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2004 8:51 AM
To: 'Rob Upton'; Hersh, Katherine; 'sansoucy@starband.net'; Streeter, Bernie; 'Brian McCarthy'; Connell, David; McCarthy, Brian; Morrissey, Brian; Sousa, Mark
Subject: RE: Water - Contracts and financial transaction Attorney

I agree with Rob. I did speak with Bond Counsel and we could discuss at our next meeting, but the discussion went along the same lines. Carol

-----Original Message-----

From: Rob Upton [mailto:rupton@Upton-Hatfield.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2004 8:03 AM
To: Hersh, Katherine; Rob Upton; 'sansoucy@starband.net'; Streeter, Bernie; Anderson, Carol; 'Brian McCarthy'; Connell, David; McCarthy,

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EXHIBIT 16

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Deposition of Brian S. McCarthy

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PETITION FOR VALUATION PURSUANT TO RSA 38:9

CITY OF NASHUA

Docket No. DW-04-048

DEPOSITION of BRIAN S. MCCARTHY

Taken by Notice at the offices of the Nashua City
Hall, 229 Main Street, Nashua, New Hampshire, on
Wednesday, July 20, 2005, commencing at 9:44 in the
forenoon.

Court Reporter: Marcia G. Patrisso,
Certified Shorthand Reporter
NH CSR No. 83 (RSA 331-B)
Registered Professional Reporter
Certified Realtime Reporter

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1 Q. Do you recognize agendas that look
2 like that?
3 A. I don't understand the question.
4 Q. Do you -- would you have attended
5 meetings entitled "Pennichuck Committee"?
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. So would you receive documents that
8 would at least include the typewritten type of
9 information like as appears on Exhibit 14?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. It has a list of topics?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. And you see one of the items down
14 there says, "Philadelphia pull out," underlined?
15 A. Yes.
16 Q. Do you know what that refers to?
17 A. I have no idea.
18 Q. Then it also says in handwriting, "Law
19 - only to water company serving city. Not
20 Pittsfield, not East." Did I read that correctly?
21 A. It appears that way.
22 Q. Right. Do you know what that refers
23 to?

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1 A. No, I don't.
2 Q. Do you recall attending this or
3 another meeting of the Pennichuck committee in which
4 there was a discussion about -- that Nashua could
5 only take the assets of Pennichuck Water Works and
6 not either Pittsfield or Pennichuck East?
7 A. I certainly have no specific
8 recollection of this meeting. That topic has come
9 up at various meetings, particularly during the PUC
10 proceedings that are ongoing now.
11 Q. Well, have you attended any of the PUC
12 proceedings?
13 A. No.
14 Q. So what is your recollection of that
15 topic coming up?
16 A. At this particular meeting I have no
17 recollection.
18 Q. Okay. At any meeting?
19 A. There has always been the question of
20 what the city was allowed to take which was referred
21 to the PUC and the -- has been answered.
22 MR. DONOVAN: Could we take a break?
23 (There is a recess in the proceedings.)

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1 MR. DONOVAN: Okay. Let's move on.
2 Q. (BY MR. DONOVAN) At some point the
3 list of advisors for the city changed from
4 Mr. Rizzo, Mr. Hartman and Mr. Sansoucy to where it
5 was Mr. Sansoucy and his company that came on board.
6 Was there a reason for that shift?
7 A. The Rizzo company was originally
8 engaged to look at the water operation itself and to
9 give us some characterization and recommendations.
10 When we made the decision to go forward with the
11 acquisition, Mr. Sansoucy seemed to be the more
12 appropriate consultant to be engaging at that time.
13 Q. In other words, Mr. Sansoucy seemed to
14 be the better one to handle the acquisition of
15 assets as opposed to evaluation of resources?
16 A. Yes.
17 (McCarthy Exhibit No. 16, letter to
18 Alderman McCarthy from Mr. Chiaraluce dated 9/16/03,
19 received and marked for identification.)
20 Q. (BY MR. DONOVAN) I show you a
21 document that's dated September 18, 2003, (sic)
22 written from Marshall T. Chiaraluce of Connecticut
23 Water to you; is that correct?

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1 A. Yes.
2 Q. And this is an offer by Connecticut
3 Water to the City of Nashua with respect to
4 Pennichuck assets; is that right?
5 A. Yes, it is.
6 Q. And is there a reason why he's writing
7 to you as opposed to an employee of the city?
8 MR. UPTON: Objection. Wait a minute.
9 I need to hear some basis for why this
10 is relevant to the issue of public interest before
11 I'm going to let him answer any questions about this
12 letter.
13 MR. DONOVAN: Because this letter
14 talks about a method of allocating the assets of
15 Pennichuck among different entities in a way
16 different than what is now being talked about, and
17 so the public interest inquiry includes where assets
18 ought to be located among different entities. And
19 this is one proposal apparently that was being
20 suggested as to how Nashua was going to propose to
21 take Pennichuck assets.
22 MR. UPTON: Nashua has been limited,
23 on your effort, to the acquisition of Pennichuck