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Re: DW 09-152, Eastman Sewer Company, Inc.
Capital Reserve Fund Requests

To the Parties:

On August 21, 2009, Eastman Sewer Company, Inc. (Eastman) filed requests for authorization to use \$15,000 from its Capital Reserve Fund to upgrade controls at its West Cove A and B pumping stations and to install a chlorination system at its Lagoon pumping facility. The projects are estimated to cost \$10,000 and \$5,000, respectively. The Capital Reserve Fund was established by the Commission in 1992 when rates were first set for Eastman, as a way of addressing Eastman's undercapitalization. (See, Order No. 20,390, Eastman Sewer Company, 77 NH PUC 93 (1992)).

On September 28, 2009, Commission Staff filed a recommendation that Eastman be permitted to withdraw monies from its Capital Reserve Fund for the proposed uses. Staff indicated that it had reviewed the requests and had propounded data requests on the company. Staff stated that the proposed upgrades would provide significant benefits to the company's operations, as detailed in its letter. Staff concluded that the proposed use of the Capital Reserve Fund is appropriate and consistent with the Commission's Order No. 20,390, and recommended the Commission approve Eastman's request.

Please be advised that the Commission has approved Eastman's request to withdraw \$15,000 from its Capital Reserve Fund.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director