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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
N.H. Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: DW 18-101 Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. – PEU/Pillsbury Special Contract
Status Update Report

Dear Director Howland:

Pursuant to the Commission’s Secretarial Letter dated September 5, 2019, this letter provides an update of the status of the Town of Londonderry’s zoning board of adjustment’s (“ZBA”) local approval of the water tank project and execution of the special contract.

On March 9, 2020, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (“PEU”) filed a supplemental petition for approval of a revised special contract. The contract was revised to reflect a revised water tank project that now includes a booster station, address concerns PEU learned during the ZBA review process, and eliminate the need for ZBA approval.

PEU has responded to Staff’s data requests and remains hopeful that the Commission will approve the revised special contract. To remind the Commission, the revised project has additional benefits over the former project: (1) the booster station will eliminate peak flow restrictions at the Mountain Homes and South Londonderry booster stations; (2) redundancy will allow the water tank to be filled by either of those booster stations; and (3) the tank project creates a backup source of supply for the Londonderry Core System. The Commission approved the last special contract and PEU believes these additional benefits allow the revised special contract to also satisfy the public interest requirement of RSA 378:18.

PEU will file a signed special contract after two events: Commission approval of the revised special contract and approval by the Town of Londonderry Planning Board of PEU’s site plan application (for the booster station) that will be filed as soon as PEU receives Commission approval. PEU greatly appreciates the Commission’s review of this matter and is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Very Truly Yours,

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