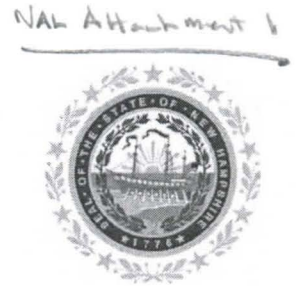


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February 14, 2020

Nicholas LaChance, Treasurer (nlachance@newenglandservicecompany.com)
Abenaki Water Company
37 Northwest Drive
Plainville, CT 06062

Subject: Abenaki Water Company – Water System Improvements

Dear Mr. LaChance,

On February 10, 2020, the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory Commission (Commission) to the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (DWGTF) completed their review of the Special Projects Assistance Program funding application submitted by Abenaki Water Company (Abenaki) for the water system improvements project for the Tioga River system in Belmont, NH. The Commission authorized the following funds to Abenaki for this project:

Table with 2 columns: Project Description, Funding Award Amount. Rows include Water System Improvements with funding amounts of \$45,000 in Loan Funds and \$5,000 in Grant Funds.

The next step to move forward with project funding is for you to submit a final application. The documents are listed on the enclosed checklist and available online at Link to Final Application Forms. The loan charge rate is 2.96%. Final applications are due by June 15, 2020.

Once the final application has been submitted, the Abenaki will enter into a loan and grant agreement, which must be approved by the Governor and Executive Council. Additionally, non-construction project related work that has been completed may be eligible for reimbursement once the funding agreements are in place and approved by the Governor and Executive Council.

We ask that you keep us informed of progress made toward seeking the authority to accept the loan and grant and the approval process with the Public Utilities Commission. Should your project not move forward, please contact us as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact me at 603-271-8321 or at Erin.Holmes@des.nh.gov.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Erin Holmes

Erin Holmes, DWG Trust Fund Administrator | MtBE Remediation Bureau

Cc: Michael Juranty, MtBE Remediation Bureau, NHDES
Cynthia Klevens, P.E., DWGB, NHDES

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The State of New Hampshire  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner



March 31, 2020

Via email only

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Subject: **Abenaki Tioga Water, Belmont NH, PWS# 0202030**  
**PUC approval to proceed with DWG Trust Fund Loan / Grant system improvements**

Dear Mr. Laflamme:

The Department of Environmental Services (DES) is pleased to provide this letter of support for PUC approval to proceed with the subject water system project, to overcome basic infrastructure shortcomings for this small community of 22 homes, reliant on a single well source, undersized storage tank, and absence of distribution valves and accurate record drawings. The Abenaki Water Company / Tioga water system has been approved for a \$45,000 Loan / \$5,000 Grant special project from the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater (DWG) Trust Fund, for addition of a larger storage tank and system isolation valves to improve system reliability and allow timely response and resolution to basic operational issues such as simple water leaks, and avoid another water shortage and emergency repairs as incurred in late Fall 2019.

Under the current operating conditions, the system is only one leak away from having no water for several days and placing the community in a public health emergency. Continuous and reliable safe drinking water is always important but most especially critical for protection in the current health crisis.

The project scope consists of the addition of a 10,000-gallon atmospheric water storage tank and distribution system isolation valves in order to quickly and efficiently identify and correct water leaks. Accurate and up to date Record Drawings will be developed. The water system serves a modest income community (median household income \$63,000) and already has the second highest water rate in the state at \$1,149.29 / year. We hope this project will meet with your approval in order to proceed with the loan / grant documents from the DWG Trust Fund as soon as possible.

Please contact me at [Cynthia.Klevens@des.nh.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Klevens@des.nh.gov) or 271-3108 with any questions regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Cynthia M. Klevens, P.E.  
 Small Systems Section Manager  
 Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau

cc. Nicholas LaChance, Vice President, Abenaki Water Co., [NLaChance@NewEnglandServiceCompany.com](mailto:NLaChance@NewEnglandServiceCompany.com)  
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