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Ms. Debra Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
215 Fruit Street Suite # 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429



Dear Ms. Howland;

I am writing because of concerns about the attempt of the City of Nashua to take Pennichuck Corporation by eminent domain.

I currently serve as President of Ridgewood Estates Association which owns a community water system that serves our 47 households. For the past several years Ridgewood Estates has contracted with Pennichuck Corporation to service and maintain our system including periodic testing for contaminants.

During the time that we have been contracting with Pennichuck they have taken care of testing and routine maintenance, and have on a number of occasions responded promptly and effectively to repair leaks in the system. They charge us a fair and reasonable fee for their services.

In a newspaper account today I read that the company proposed to operate Nashua's water system (and presumably those of other contract customers like us) believes they can operate with half the employees currently working at Pennichuck. This gives us great concern.

Our association is a neighborhood volunteer organization, and we lack the expertise and tools required to operate the system. I believe there are other small water systems outside Nashua that are served by Pennichuck.

We hope the Commission will take this into account in making its decision.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Graham V. Smith".

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