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**Pennichuck Water Works:  
Follow-Up Research**

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**Nashua:**

>q15< How much have you heard about the City of Nashua's budget deficit that is projected to be over \$5 million dollars next year?

Read responses:

- <1> Great deal
- <2> Moderate amount
- <3> Only a little
- <4> Nothing
  
- <9> Don't know / unsure

>q16< Please tell me whether you support or oppose spending cuts in each of the following areas to reduce the City's projected budget deficit.

Would you support or oppose spending cuts in public education?

(Do you feel that strongly or moderately?)

- <1> Strongly support
- <2> Moderately support
- <3> Moderately oppose
- <4> Strongly oppose
  
- <9> Don't know / unsure

>q17< Would you support or oppose spending cuts that would reduce the number of employees who currently work for the City of Nashua?

>q18< Would you support or oppose spending cuts that would close one of the City's elementary schools?

>q19< Would you support or oppose spending cuts that would eliminate busing for high school students?

>q20< Would you support or oppose spending cuts that would eliminate kindergarten programs in Nashua?

**EXHIBIT BC-5**

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>q21< Suppose for a moment that the City of Nashua purchased, or acquired, Pennichuck Water Works. Would you support or oppose the City's effort to purchase, or acquire Pennichuck Water Works if the rate you pay for water increased by 10 percent?

(Do you feel that strongly or moderately?)

- <1> Strongly support
- <2> Moderately support
- <3> Moderately oppose
- <4> Strongly oppose
  
- <9> Don't know / unsure

>q22< Would you support or oppose the City's effort to purchase, or acquire Pennichuck Water Works if the rate you pay for water increased by 25 percent?

(Do you feel that strongly or moderately?)

- <1> Strongly support
- <2> Moderately support
- <3> Moderately oppose
- <4> Strongly oppose
  
- <9> Don't know / unsure

>q23< Based on the City's current financial situation, do you think that the City of Nashua should or should not continue to pursue a legal challenge to take control of Pennichuck Water Works through eminent domain?

- <1> Should continue
- <2> Should not
  
- <9> Don't know / unsure

>q24< Would you support or oppose allocating an additional \$300,000 dollars in this year's budget for expenses associated with the City of Nashua's effort to pursue a legal challenge to take control of Pennichuck Water Works through eminent domain?

(Do you feel that strongly or moderately?)

- <1> Strongly support
- <2> Moderately support
- <3> Moderately oppose
- <4> Strongly oppose
  
- <9> Don't know / unsure

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>q25< If there were an election held today, would you vote for or against a measure that would authorize the City of Nashua to take control of Pennichuck Water Works through acquisition or eminent domain?

<1> For - support City's effort to pursue eminent domain

<2> Against

<9> Don't know / unsure

>q26< Do you generally approve or disapprove of the way the Mayor and Alderman have handled their attempt to purchase, or acquire, Pennichuck Water Works?

<1> Strongly approve [goto q28]

<2> Moderately approve [goto q28]

<3> Moderately disapprove [goto q27]

<4> Strongly disapprove [goto q27]

<9> Don't know / unsure [goto q28]

>q27< Why do you disapprove of the job the Mayor and Alderman have done?

Open-ended

====>[specify]

>q28< Do you generally approve or disapprove of the way Pennichuck Water Works has responded to the City's effort to purchase, or acquire, Pennichuck Water Works?

<1> Strongly approve [goto q30]

<2> Moderately approve [goto q30]

<3> Moderately disapprove [goto q29]

<4> Strongly disapprove [goto q29]

<9> Don't know / unsure [goto q30]

>q29< Why do you disapprove of the way Pennichuck Water Works has responded to the City's effort to purchase, or acquire, the company?

Open-ended

====>[specify]

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