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45 Old Beach Circle  
Grantham, NH, 03753  
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

RE Eastman Sewer Company

We would like to express our support for both the rate increases (temporary, 17.2% and permanent, 46.28%) asked for by Eastman Sewer Company (ESC) and for the proposed financing in the amount of \$238,580.

We believe both the rate increases and the financing are necessary to provide for system improvements that are necessary for the health and safety of the community. Over the past eighteen months there have been three sewage backups in homes serviced by ESC.

Additionally it was necessary to close beaches on our lake twice in 2008. It is our understanding that these backups and beach closings could have been avoided if the sewage system had received needed capital improvements.

The Eastman wastewater collection and treatment system is over 35 years old. Over the life of the system there have been few capital improvements and repairs have generally been limited to pump and/or pump motor replacements and band aid type repairs.

Users of the ESC system have been paying less than required to keep the system adequately functional. We believe the proposed rate increases and financing are absolutely necessary. We only hope that it is enough.

Yours truly,

*Tom McGough*  
*Pat McGough*  
Tom & Pat McGough

c/c Eastman Sewer Company

