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March 30, 2009

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: DW 09-014 Eastman Sewer Company, Inc.  
Capital Reserve Fund Request



Dear Ms. Howland:

On February 5, 2009, the Commission received a request from Eastman Sewer Company for authorization to withdraw approximately \$9,500 from Eastman's capital reserve fund to pay for recent electrical upgrades at two of the company's pump stations. Staff posed data requests to the company. The company's responses, which include a copy of the requests, are attached.

The upgrades involved replacement of buried conduit and wiring between the respective control buildings and wet wells at the West Cove A and B pump stations, and associated electrical work. Replacement was needed to ensure reliability of both stations. Failure of either station could result in sewer backups into nearby homes or an adjacent lake. The data responses clarified that \$500 of the initial request was for an unrelated project, reducing the amount of the request to \$8,959.46.

Eastman's capital reserve fund was established by Commission Order 20,390 in 1992 when rates were first set for Eastman, as a way of addressing Eastman's undercapitalization. A portion of all customer rates collected by Eastman is dedicated to this account. The Commission directed that Eastman obtain Commission approval for all uses of these funds. Staff is satisfied that the proposed expenditure is an appropriate use of the reserve funds, and recommends that Eastman be permitted to withdraw \$8,959.46 for the electrical upgrade work.

If there are any questions regarding this, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas W. Brogan".

Douglas W. Brogan  
Utility Engineer

Attachments  
cc: Service List



**Water System Operators, Inc.**  
405 Flanders Road  
Post Office Box 69  
Henniker, NH 03242  
Phone: 603 428 3525  
Fax: 603 428 3764

February 26, 2009

Brian Harding  
Gayle Burns  
Eastman Sewer Company

Subject: PUC Capital Fund Withdrawal Request & Rate Case

PUC requested information as follows;

Staff 1-1

Please provide further detail on the nature and extent of wiring upgrades done at the respective stations, including:

- a) Where any new outside conduit or wiring was run from and to. (for example, 10/1/08 invoice);
- b) The nature of the \$3,664 in "Misc. Electrical Supplies" (11/6/08 invoice);
- c) What panels were installed, to the extent not part of the response above ("Installed panels" on 12/17/09 invoice).
- d) Which future projects the work was required in relation to.

Response;

- a) Conduit was run from the control building to enclosures mounted on a wooden panel mounted on 4" x 4" posts next to the wet well at both pump stations.
- b) The "Misc. Electrical Supplies" consist of the conduit, wire, enclosures, wooden posts and panel and connectors used in a) above.
- c) The invoice is 12/17/08. The panels installed were the wooden panel and posts used to hold the enclosures for the electrical conduit and wire.
- d) It was necessary to do this work as the existing conduit and wire was damaged. It may be reused as part of the pump station upgrades, but that is yet to be determined. This was done because of the likely potential of pump station failure.

Staff 1-2

At least two of the items on the 12/17/09 invoice ("Unloaded brick and concrete" and "Raisemanhole" appear to be unrelated to the West Cove A and B upgrades. Please confirm or explain and separate out the cost of any work not intended as part of the Capital Reserve Fund request.

Response;

The cost of unloading brick and concrete and the raising of the manhole are unrelated to the pump station upgrade. That is a flat \$500.00 fee.



Water System Operators, Inc.  
 405 Flanders Road  
 Post Office Box 69  
 Henniker, NH 03242

5730.1

# Invoice

Date	Invoice #
10/1/2008	7469

Bill To

Eastman Sewer Company  
 Post Office Box 470  
 Grantham, NH 03753

P.O. No.	Terms	Project
	Net 25	

Quantity	Description	Rate	Amount
20	2 Operators Labor dug trench for electrical upgrade at West Cove A	65.00	1,300.00

5730.1

Water System Operators, Inc.  
 PO Box 69 Henniker, NH 03242

<b>Total</b>	\$1,300.00
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# Invoice

Water System Operators, Inc.  
 405 Flanders Road  
 Post Office Box 69  
 Henniker, NH 03242

Date	Invoice #
12/17/2008	7560

Bill To

Eastman Sewer Company  
 Post Office Box 470  
 Grantham, NH 03753

P.O. No.	Terms	Project
	Net 25	

Quantity	Description	Rate	Amount
25.25	Operators Labor Nov 08 West Cove A and B Update Unloaded brick and concrete/installed conduit/ hooked up electric / Installed panels / Raise manhole	65.00	1,641.25
<i>per response of staff 1-2 will pull the amt out of \$500.00 out from request</i> <span style="font-size: 2em; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">1141.25</span>			
Water System Operators, Inc. PO Box 69 Henniker, NH 03242			<b>Total</b> \$1,641.25



Water System Operators, Inc.  
405 Flanders Road  
Post Office Box 69  
Henniker, NH 03242

# Invoice

Date	Invoice #
11/6/2008	7515

Bill To

Eastman Sewer Company  
Post Office Box 470  
Grantham, NH 03753

*wanted to make sure  
you received this invoice  
thanks!*

P.O. No.	Terms	Project
	Net 25	

Quantity	Description	Rate	Amount
39.25	Operators Labor West Cove A and B Upgrade	65.00	2,551.25
1	Misc Electrical Supplies	3,663.56	3,663.56
1	Plumbing and piping materials	303.40	303.40

Water System Operators, Inc.  
PO Box 69 Henniker, NH 03242

**Total**

**\$6,518.21**

JOHN W MUELLER  
EASTMAN SEWER COMPANY INC  
PO BOX 470  
GRANTHAM NH 03753

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