

DW12-157



SEWER COMPANY, INC.

June 1, 2012

Debra Howland
Executive Director
NH Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301



Re: Request for Eastman Sewer Company Use of Capital Funds

Dear Debra,

The Eastman Sewer Company has incurred expenses related to capital projects, and we are seeking the Commission's approval to access our Capital Reserve fund to pay these costs. One group of expenses has been incurred with Underwood Engineers (Portsmouth, NH). ESC has been directed by NHDES to correct compliance issues related to our golf course irrigation process, as governed by our NH Groundwater Discharge Permit. We use treated effluent to irrigate our course, and water samples taken from the pond where the effluent is pumped are exceeding some of the parameter limits specified in the Discharge permit.

ESC has contracted with Underwood to determine the most effective way to correct the problem. A copy of the Underwood Phase Engineering Project contract (approved by NHDES) is attached, along with four invoices totaling \$8,004.37. The first three invoices have already been paid out of ESC operating funds, and invoice 7608 is due to be paid. We request approval to utilize \$8,004.37 of capital funds for these expenses. As we continue to receive progress billings against this contract over the next few months, we will submit additional capital fund requests to the PUC.

The other capital expense we have incurred is for a piping upgrade and replacement of a flow meter at our holding ponds pump station. This work was done by Water Systems Operators (our licensed sewer operator) and a letter from Joe Damour, WSO President, explaining the need for this work is attached to their invoice for \$4,274.17. This invoice is due and has not yet been paid.

Adding the Underwood & WSO expenses together yields a total of \$12,278.54. We respectfully request permission to transfer this sum from our capital reserve to cover these expenses. As of May 31, 2012 the ESC capital reserve balance stood at \$64,973.25. Thank you, and please contact me at 863-4240 if you have any questions on this request.

Respectfully,

Brian Harding
General Manager

Eastman Sewer Company

cc: Brad Moses, ESC President
Gayle Burns, ESC Accounts Payable