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June 25, 2012

Re: DW 12-157, Eastman Sewer Company, Inc.
Capital Reserve Fund Request

To the Parties:

On June 4, 2012, Eastman Sewer Company, Inc. (Eastman) filed a request for authorization to use \$12,278.54 from its Capital Reserve Fund for two projects. The first involves payment of four invoices totaling \$8,004.37 under a contract with Underwood Engineers to evaluate causes and solutions for the sewer system's failure to meet certain requirements in its Groundwater Discharge Permit issued by the Department of Environmental Services (DES). The Permit relates to spray irrigation of the system's treated effluent on the Eastman Community Association golf course. The second project is replacement of an outdated meter and associated piping in the system's Holding Pond pump station, for \$4,274.17. The Capital Reserve Fund was established by the Commission in 1992 when rates were first set for Eastman, as a way of addressing Eastman's undercapitalization. (See, Order No. 20,390, Eastman Sewer Company, 77 NH PUC 93 (1992)).

On June 19, 2012, Commission Staff filed a recommendation that Eastman be permitted to withdraw monies from its Capital Reserve Fund for the proposed uses. Staff indicated that it had reviewed the request and had propounded data requests on the company. Staff concurred that both projects are necessary to meet the system's operational requirements as well as DES mandates. As a result, Staff concluded that the proposed use of the Capital Reserve Fund is appropriate and consistent with the Commission's Order No. 20,390, and recommended the Commission approve Eastman's request.

Please be advised that the Commission has approved Eastman's request to withdraw \$12,278.54 from its Capital Reserve Fund.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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