

August 13, 2013

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

Re: ESC Request for Capital Funds – for Inclusion with Open Docket 13-217

Dear Debra,

Please find enclosed a copy of Water System Operators, Inc. invoice for \$6,000 (#10300, dated 7/25/2013). This invoice is for the installation of data logging capability at the lagoon pump station at our wastewater treatment plant. This was done to reduce the required visits from our system operator (WSO) from seven days per week to three. This allowed a reduction of approximately \$5,000 in our annual contract with WSO, providing a payback of a little over one year. I have also enclosed a copy of a 5/17/2013 letter that WSO President Joe Damour wrote to the ESC Board to provide details on the proposed project. The ESC Board approved this capital expenditure at their meeting on 5/21/2013.

We request permission to transfer the total sum of \$6,000 from the ESC capital reserve fund to cover these expenses. After discussion with PUC Staff, it was agreed to add this request to the open 13-217 docket. Please note that, as of today's date, the ESC capital reserve balance stands at \$20,477.93. In a letter to the PUC dated 7/23/2013, we requested approval for the transfer of \$16,132.28 of capital funds to cover expenses incurred with Underwood Engineers. If that request is approved, the available balance in the capital reserve will be only \$4,345.65. If the \$6,000 request is also approved, we would do the transfer in two steps - \$4,000 initially and the remaining \$2,000 when the capital reserve balance has sufficient funds.

In addition to this original, I've enclosed six (6) copies of the request, along with an electronic version on CD. Thank you, and please contact me at 863-4240 if you have any questions on this request.

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Brian Harding
General Manager

Eastman Sewer Company

cc: Brad Moses, ESC President
Gayle Burns, ESC Accounts Payable
Bill Weber, Manager, Village District of Eastman