



The State of New Hampshire

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

December 15, 2016

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director N.H. Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

Subject:

Joint Petition to Modify Franchise

Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. and Manchester Water Works (PWS 1471010)

Opinion of Suitability and Availability per NH RSA 374:22, III

Dear Ms. Howland:

We have reviewed our records and hereby confirm that the subject public water system meets the suitability and availability criteria of NH RSA 374:22 III, for expansion of water service to three residential lots in the Town of Litchfield located on Charles Bancroft Highway and known as Map 23, Lots 33, 34, and 35.

In addition, the Department of Environmental Services supports Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU) and Manchester Water Works' (MWW) request to modify PEU's franchise to allow MWW to provide water service to the three lots identified above.

Please contact me at 271-2948 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Richard Skarinka, PÉ

Engineering and Survey Section

Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau

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TOWN OF LITCHFIELD

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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

RE: Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. and Manchester Water Works Joint Petition to Modify Franchise.

Dear Commission,

Please allow this letter to serve notice that the Litchfield Board of Selectmen have reviewed the above referenced joint petition between Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. and Manchester Water Works to allow Manchester Water Works to serve certain customers in the Town of Litchfield.

As you may be aware, in March 2016 the Town of Litchfield was notified by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services that groundwater in parts of Litchfield had been contaminated with perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) by a chemical manufacturing facility in Merrimack, NH known as Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics. Approval of this petition is the most cost effective way to connect these home to a public water supply. It is for this reason the Litchfield Board of Selectmen voted on December 27, 2016 with "No-Objection" to support the said joint petition.

Thank you in advance for your serious consideration with this matter. If you have questions or require additional information please contact me.

Troy R. Brown

Town Administration