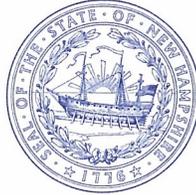


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April 7, 2009

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

To the Parties:

On February 5, 2009, Eastman Sewer Company, Inc. (Eastman) filed a request for authorization to use \$9,459.46 from its Capital Reserve Fund for electrical upgrade work at two of its pumping facilities. 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 March 30, 2009, Commission Staff filed a recommendation that Eastman be permitted to withdraw monies from its Capital Reserve Fund for the proposed use. Staff indicated that it had reviewed the request and had propounded data requests on the company. The company's responses clarified that \$500 of the initial request was for unrelated work, resulting in a reduced request for \$8,959.46. Staff stated that the proposed upgrades were necessary to address reliability concerns at the two facilities. 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 reviewed Eastman's request and Staff's recommendation and has approved Eastman's request to withdraw \$8,959.46 from its Capital Reserve Fund.

Sincerely,

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

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director