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

Re: Docket No. DW 18-101 – Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.
PEU-Pillsbury Special Contract for Woodmont Commons
Letter of Support – N.H. Department of Environmental Services

Dear Director Howland:

Pursuant to the Commission’s Secretarial Letters dated March 17 and 23, 2020, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (“PEU”) makes this electronic filing to provide the Commission with the N.H. Department of Environmental Services’ letter in support of the revised water tank project.

By way of background, in August 2019, the Commission approved the special contract between PEU and the developer of Woodmont Commons, Pillsbury Realty Development, LLC (“Pillsbury”). That special contract involved a cost-sharing arrangement between PEU and Pillsbury for the construction of an elevated water tank. Since that order, PEU was unable to obtain local approval for the water tank. PEU subsequently revised the tank project to have a lower height but to still meet PEU and Pillsbury’s goals, updated the cost terms of the special contract, and filed for Commission approval of the revised special contract on March 9, 2020. As noted in the enclosed letter, the N.H. Department of Environmental Services has reviewed the technical details of the project and supports it. PEU offers this letter as further support that the special contract is consistent with the public interest.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this filing. If the Commission or Staff have any questions regarding PEU’s revised special contract, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcia A. Brown".

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cc: Electronic Docket-Related Service List



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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Via email to: John.boisvert@PENNICHUCK.com

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Subject: PEU Londonderry PWS # 1391010
NHDES Design Review # 5770
Storage Deficiency

Dear Mr. Boisvert:

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau (DWGB) has reviewed the following documents regarding evaluation of the need for finish water storage capacity as identified in the DWGB sanitary survey letter for the PEU Londonderry water system dated January 9, 2018:

1. Preliminary Evaluation of PUE Londonderry Distribution System by Underwood Engineers dated 10/18/19
2. Technical Memorandum Londonderry Distribution System Analysis by Underwood Engineers dated 2/6/20
3. Technical Memorandum Londonderry Proposed Distribution System Analysis by Underwood Engineers dated 3/30/20

The most recent Technical Memorandum has identified a proposed project that includes construction of a storage tank, booster pumping station, and associated water main connections. These proposed improvements will provide storage capacity within the PEU Londonderry water distribution system which will improve both domestic and fire flow capabilities and improve the reliability of the water system. DWGB supports this concept.

Please note that detailed plans and specifications must be submitted to DWGB for review and approval prior to any construction.

Please contact me at (603) 271-2948 or Richard.skarinka@des.nh.gov regarding any questions with this letter.

Sincerely,

Richard Skarinka, PE
Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau