



The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**

**Robert R. Scott, Commissioner**



February 26, 2018

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services to award a grant to Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (VC# 225852-B001), Merrimack, NH in the amount not to exceed \$600,000 for water system improvements under the provisions of RSA 485:F, effective upon Governor & Council approval through October 1, 2019. 100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Funds.

Funding is available in the account as follows:

03-44-44-442010-3904-073-500580	<u>FY 2018</u>
Dept Environmental Services, Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust, Grants Non-Federal	\$600,000

**EXPLANATION**

The Drinking Water and Ground Water Trust Fund was created in 2016, using \$276 million of MtBE trial judgement funds, as authorized by RSA 485-F. The purpose of the Trust Fund is to provide sustainable, long-term funding for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of the drinking water and groundwater resources of the state. The Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory Commission was established to administer the Trust Fund and to provide guidance to the State on the use of the Trust Fund.

On November 2, 2017, the Advisory Commission voted to authorize ten grants and eleven loans to various communities for drinking water improvement projects. Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.'s (PEU) Litchfield Interconnection Project request for \$600,000 was on the list for an initial round of funding from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund. PEU will use the grant funds to connect the distribution main owned by Pennichuck Water Works in the Town of Merrimack to the existing PEU distribution system in the Town of Litchfield. The project will support recent expansion of the Litchfield water system in response to private well contamination and is part of a long term supply strategy for PEU systems east of the Merrimack River.

This agreement has been approved by the Attorney General's Office as to form, substance and execution.

We respectfully request your approval:

Robert R. Scott  
Commissioner

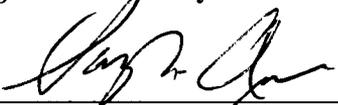
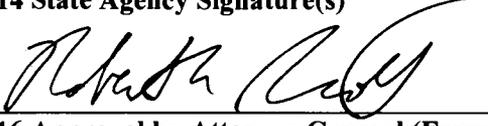
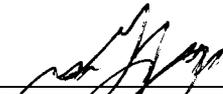
**Subject: Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. - Litchfield**

**GRANT AGREEMENT**

The State of New Hampshire and the Grantee hereby mutually agree as follows:

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. Identification.**

<b>1.1 State Agency Name</b> NH Department of Environmental Services		<b>1.2 State Agency Address</b> 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301	
<b>1.3 Grantee Name</b> Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.		<b>1.4 Grantee Address</b> 25 Manchester Street, Merrimack, NH 03054	
<b>1.5 Effective Date</b> Upon G&C Approval	<b>1.6 Completion Date</b> October 1, 2019	<b>1.7 Audit Date</b> N/A	<b>1.8 Grant Limitation</b> \$600,000
<b>1.9 Grant Officer for State Agency</b> Johnna McKenna, Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau, NH Department of Environmental Services		<b>1.10 State Agency. Telephone Number</b> 603-271-7017	
<b>1.11 Grantee Signature</b> 		<b>1.12 Name &amp; Title of Grantee Signor</b> LARAM D. GOODHUE, CEO	
<b>1.13 Acknowledgment: State of</b> <u>New Hampshire</u> <b>, County of</b> <u>Hillsborough</u>			
On <u>1/31/2018</u> , before the undersigned officer, personally appeared the person identified in block 1.12, or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is signed in block 1.11, and acknowledged that s/he executed this document in the capacity indicated in block 1.12.			
<b>1.13.1 Signature of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace</b> [SEAL] 			
<b>1.13.2 Name &amp; Title of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace</b> Suzanne L. Ansara, Notary Public			
<b>1.14 State Agency Signature(s)</b> 		<b>1.15 Name/Title of State Agency Signor(s)</b> Robert R. Scott, Commissioner NH Department of Environmental Services	
<b>1.16 Approval by Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution)</b> By:  On: <u>3.6.18</u>			
<b>1.17 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council</b> By: _____ On: _____			

2. **SCOPE OF WORK.** In exchange for grant funds provided by the state of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 (hereinafter referred to as "the State"), pursuant to RSA 21-O, the Grantee identified in block 1.3 (hereinafter referred to as "the Grantee"), shall perform that work identified and more particularly described in the scope of work attached hereto as EXHIBIT A (the scope of work being referred to as "the Project").

3. **AREA COVERED.** Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Grantee shall perform the Project in, and with respect to, the State of New Hampshire.

4. **EFFECTIVE DATE: COMPLETION OF PROJECT.**

4.1 This Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date in block 1.5 or on the date of approval of this Agreement by the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire whichever is later (hereinafter referred to as the "Effective Date").

4.2 Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Project, including all reports required by this Agreement, shall be completed in ITS entirety prior to the date in block 1.6 (hereinafter referred to as the "Completion Date").

5. **GRANT AMOUNT; LIMITATION ON AMOUNT; PAYMENT.**

5.1 The Grant Amount is identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT B, attached hereto.

5.2 The manner of, and schedule of payment shall be as set forth in EXHIBIT B.

5.3 In accordance with the provisions set forth in EXHIBIT B, and in consideration of the satisfactory performance of the Project, as determined by the State, and as limited by subparagraph 5.5 of these general provisions, the State shall pay the Grantee the Grant Amount. The State shall withhold from the amount otherwise payable to the Grantee under this subparagraph 5.3 those sums required, or permitted, to be withheld pursuant to N.H. RSA 80:7 through 7-c.

5.4 The payment by the State of the Grant amount shall be the only, and the complete, compensation to the Grantee for all expenses, of whatever nature, incurred by the Grantee in the performance hereof, and shall be the only, and the complete, compensation to the Grantee for the Project. The State shall have no liabilities to the Grantee other than the Grant Amount.

5.5 Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made, hereunder exceed the Grant limitation set forth in block 1.8 of these general provisions.

6. **COMPLIANCE BY GRANTEE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS.**

In connection with the performance of the Project, the Grantee shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county, or municipal authorities, which shall impose any obligations, or duty upon the Grantee, including the acquisition of any and all necessary permits.

7. **RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS.**

7.1 Between the Effective Date and the date seven (7) years after the Completion Date the Grantee shall keep detailed accounts of all expenses incurred in connection with the Project, including, but not limited to, costs of administration, transportation, insurance, telephone calls, and clerical materials and services. Such accounts shall be supported by receipts, invoices, bills and other similar documents.

7.2 Between the Effective Date and the date seven (7) years after the Completion Date, at any time during the Grantee's normal business hours, and as often as the State shall demand, the Grantee shall make available to the State all records pertaining to matters covered by this Agreement. The Grantee shall permit the State to audit, examine, and reproduce such records, and to make audits of all contracts, invoices, materials, payrolls, records or personnel, data (as that term is hereinafter defined), and other information relating to all matters covered by this Agreement. As used in this paragraph, "Grantee" includes all persons, natural or fictional, affiliated with, controlled by, or under common ownership with, the entity identified as the Grantee in block 1.3 of these general provisions.

8. **PERSONNEL.**

8.1 The Grantee shall, at its own expense, provide all personnel necessary to perform the Project. The Grantee warrants that all personnel engaged in the Project shall be qualified to perform such Project, and shall be properly licensed and authorized to perform such Project under all applicable laws.

8.2 The Grantee shall not hire, and it shall not permit any subcontractor, subgrantee, or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform such Project, to hire any person who has a contractual relationship with the State, or who is a State officer or employee, elected or appointed.

8.3 The Grantee officer shall be the representative of the State hereunder. In the event of any dispute hereunder, the interpretation of this Agreement by the Grantee Officer, and his/her decision on any dispute, shall be final.

9. **DATA; RETENTION OF DATA; ACCESS.**

9.1 As used in this Agreement, the word data shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

9.2 Between the Effective Date and the Completion Date the Grantee shall grant to the State, or any person designated by it, unrestricted access to all data for examination, duplication, publication, translation, sale, disposal, or for any other purpose whatsoever.

9.3 No data shall be subject to copyright in the United States or any other country by anyone other than the State.

9.4 On and after the Effective Date all data, and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, whichever shall first occur.

9.5 The State, and anyone it shall designate, shall have unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, all data.

10. **CONDITIONAL NATURE OR AGREEMENT.**

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability or continued appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available or appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of those funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Grantee notice of such termination.

11. **EVENT OF DEFAULT; REMEDIES.**

11.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Grantee shall constitute an event of default hereunder (hereinafter referred to as "Events of Default"):

11.1.1 failure to perform the Project satisfactorily or on schedule; or

11.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; or

11.1.3 failure to maintain, or permit access to, the records required hereunder; or

11.1.4 failure to perform any of the other covenants and conditions of this Agreement.

11.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

11.2.1 give the Grantee a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely remedied, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Grantee notice of termination; and

11.2.2 give the Grantee a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the grant amount which would otherwise accrue to the Grantee during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Grantee has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Grantee; and

11.2.3 set off against any other obligation the State may owe to the Grantee any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and

11.2.4 treat the Agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

12. **TERMINATION.**

12.1 In the event of any early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Project, the Grantee shall deliver to the Grant Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Project Work performed, and the Grant Amount earned, to and including the date of termination.

12.2 In the event of Termination under paragraphs 10 or 12.4 of these general provisions, the approval of such a Termination Report by the State shall entitle the Grantee to receive that portion of the Grant amount earned to and including the date of termination.

12.3 In the event of Termination under paragraphs 10 or 12.4 of these general provisions, the approval of such a Termination Report by the State shall in no

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event relieve the Grantee from any and all liability for damages sustained or incurred by the State as a result of the Grantee's breach of its obligations hereunder.

12.4 Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, either the State or except where notice default has been given to the Grantee hereunder, the Grantee, may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.

13. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** No officer, member or employee of the Grantee and no representative, officer of employee of the State of New Hampshire or of the governing body of the locality or localities in which the Project is to be performed, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of such Project, shall participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which affects his or her personal interests or the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he or she is directly or indirectly interested, nor shall he or she have any personal or pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

14. **GRANTEE'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement the Grantee, its employees, and any subcontractor or subgrantee of the Grantee are in all respects independent contractors, and are neither agents nor employees of the State. Neither the Grantee nor any of its officers, employees, agents, members, subcontractors or subgrantees, shall have authority to bind the State nor are they entitled to any of the benefits, workers' compensation or emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

15. **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS.** The Grantee shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the State. None of the Project Work shall be subcontracted or subgranted by the Grantee other than as set forth in Exhibit A without the prior written consent of the State.

16. **INDEMNIFICATION.** The Grantee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based on or resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Grantee of Subcontractor, or subgrantee or other agent of the Grantee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

17. **INSURANCE AND BOND.**

17.1 The Grantee shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force, or shall require any subcontractor, subgrantee or assignee performing Project work to obtain and maintain in force, both for the benefit of the State, the following insurance:

17.1.1 statutory workers' compensation and employees liability insurance for all employees engaged in the performance of the Project, and

17.1.2 comprehensive public liability insurance against all claims of bodily injuries, death or property damage, in amounts not less than \$2,000,000 for bodily injury or death any one incident, and \$500,000 for property damage in any one incident, and

17.2 The policies described in subparagraph 17.1 of this paragraph shall be the standard form employed in the State of New Hampshire, issued by underwriters acceptable to the State, and authorized to do business in the State of New Hampshire. Each policy shall contain a clause prohibiting cancellation of modification of the policy earlier than ten (10) days after written notice the of has been received by the State.

18. **WAIVER OF BREACH.** No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event, or any subsequent Event. No express waiver of any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of any provisions hereof. No such failure or waiver shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other default on the part of the Grantee.

19. **NOTICE.** Any notice by a party hereto the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses first above given.

20. **AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire.

21. **CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the law of the State of New

Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assignees. The captions and contents of the "subject" blank are used only as a matter of convenience, and are not to be considered a part of this Agreement or to be used in determining the intent of the parties hereto.

22. **THIRD PARTIES.** The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

23. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire Agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior Agreements and understandings relating hereto.

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EXHIBIT A  
SCOPE OF SERVICES

Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.:

Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU) will use the grant funds to connect the distribution main owned by Pennichuck Water Works (PWW) in the Town of Merrimack to the existing PEU distribution system in the Town of Litchfield. The interconnection pipeline will run between the Daniel Webster Highway on the west side of the Merrimack River and the Charles Bancroft Highway on the east side of the Merrimack River. The project will support recent expansion of the Litchfield water system in response to private well contamination and is part of a long term supply strategy for PEU systems east of the Merrimack River. The grant funds will be used for the following components of the project:

- 12 inch diameter water mains east and west of the Merrimack River;
- A 16 inch diameter water main crossing of the Merrimack River;
- A 1.5 million gallon per day pumping facility installed within an existing building structure just north of the existing PWW Merrimack River Raw Water Pumping Station and Intake. This booster station will add additional head (pressure) required to deliver 1.5 million gallons per day into the Litchfield distribution system;
- Approximately 5,900 linear feet of total pipeline length of the 12 and 16 inch diameter; and
- Several control valves, sampling stations, and flushing ports.

EXHIBIT B  
BUDGET & PAYMENT METHOD

The NHDES shall pay to the Grantee the total reimbursable program costs in accordance with the following requirements:

Reimbursement requests for program costs shall be made by the Grantee using the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Disbursement form as supplied by the NHDES, which shall be completed and signed by the Grantee. The disbursement form shall be accompanied by proper supporting documentation based upon direct costs. The Grantee will maintain adequate documentation to substantiate all Program related costs. All work shall be performed to the satisfaction of the NHDES before payment is made.

The total reimbursement shall not exceed the grant award of \$600,000. Requests for grant funds will be no more than monthly.

EXHIBIT C  
SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Changes to the Scope of Services require NHDES approval in advance. Work must be completed and request for reimbursement must be made by the completion date listed on the grant agreement (section 1.6).

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Date   1/31/2018



PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY, INC.

CORPORATE SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Suzanne L. Ansara, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected Corporate Secretary of Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (the "Company"), a New Hampshire corporation, and that I am authorized to execute and deliver this Certificate on behalf of the Company. In that capacity, I do hereby further certify that:

1. The following resolutions were adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company on February 23, 2018; and such resolutions have not been altered, amended or repealed, and are in full force and effect, as of the date hereof:

Resolved: that the Board of Directors of Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (the "Company") hereby authorizes the Company to accept a grant of up to \$600,000 from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund for the Litchfield interconnection project (the "Project");

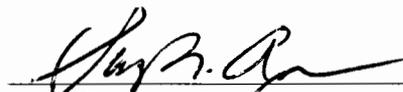
Further

Resolved: that the Company is authorized to enter into the Grant Agreement for the Project with the NH Department of Environmental Services, a copy of which was presented at this meeting; and

Further

Resolved: that the Company's Chief Executive Officer or Chief Operating Officer, acting singly, are each hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Grant Agreement, and to execute any and all other documents necessary, and to take such further actions, as either of them, in their sole discretion, may deem necessary, proper or advisable, to carry out the intent of these resolutions.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of February, 2018.

  
Suzanne L. Ansara  
Corporate Secretary

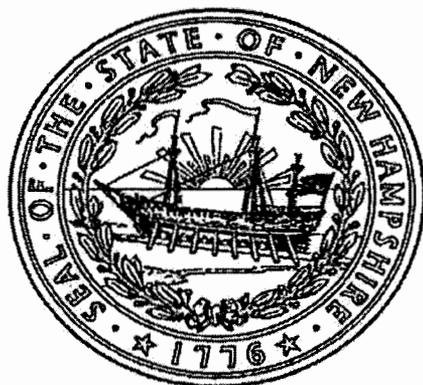
# State of New Hampshire

## Department of State

### CERTIFICATE

I, William M. Gardner, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY, INC. is a New Hampshire Profit Corporation registered to transact business in New Hampshire on January 22, 1998. I further certify that all fees and documents required by the Secretary of State's office have been received and is in good standing as far as this office is concerned.

Business ID: 285764



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,  
I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed  
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,  
this 21st day of February A.D. 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William M. Gardner".

William M. Gardner  
Secretary of State

