



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

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Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

September 1, 2023

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

REQUESTED ACTIONS

1. Authorize the Department of Environmental Services to award a grant to Abenaki Water Co., Inc. (VC#312329-B001) Plainville, Connecticut, in the amount not to exceed \$280,000 for water system improvements in Carroll, NH under the provisions of RSA 485:F, effective upon Governor & Council approval through October 31, 2025. 100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund.

Funding is available in the following account:

	<u>FY 2024</u>
03-44-44-444010-7428-073-500580	\$280,000
Dept. Environmental Services, Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund, Grants Non-Federal	

2. Authorize the Department of Environmental Services to approve a loan agreement with Abenaki Water Co., Inc. (VC#312329-B001) Plainville, Connecticut, in the amount not to exceed \$2,520,000 to finance water system improvements in Carroll, NH under the provisions of RSA 485:F and N.H. Code of Administrative Rules Env-Dw 1300 et seq. effective upon Governor & Council approval. 100% Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund.

Funding is available in the following account:

	<u>FY 2024</u>
03-44-44-444010-7428-301-504059	\$2,520,000
Dept. Environmental Services, Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund, Loans	

EXPLANATION

The Drinking Water and Ground Water Trust Fund (DWGTF) 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

(Advisory Commission) was established to administer the Trust Fund and to provide guidance to the State on the use of the Trust Fund.

On February 8, 2021, the Advisory Commission voted to authorize a DWGTF Special Project Assistance grant and loan combination totaling \$2,800,000 to the Abenaki Water Co. to improve the Rosebrook Water System at the Rosebrook Wellfield in Carroll, New Hampshire. Abenaki Water Co. will use the funds to update the Rosebrook Water System distribution system and address deficiencies with high pressures and the chemical feed system. On February 13, 2023, the Advisory Commission reviewed and approved a modification in the scope and to use the funds for Phase I, which includes replacing the pumps in both wells, construction of a new treatment building, upgrades to chemical storage and delivery, and improvements to the distribution system. The project will reduce water pressure, improve chemical dosing consistency and containment, and increase operator safety at the Rosebrook Wellfield site.

Funding through the DWGTF is a combination of grant and loan funds. The final grant and loan amounts will be based on the total funds disbursed and may be less than the approved amount. In the event that these funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this project.

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

We respectfully request your approval of this item.



Robert R. Scott
Commissioner

GRANT AGREEMENT

The State of New Hampshire and the Grantee hereby
Mutually agree as follows:
GENERAL PROVISIONS

I. Identification and Definitions.

1.1. State Agency Name New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services		1.2. State Agency Address 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095	
1.3. Grantee Name Abenaki Water Co., Inc.		1.4. Grantee Address 37 Northwest Drive, Plainville, CT 06062	
1.5. Grantee Phone # 860-734-7144	1.6. Account Number 03-44-44-444010-7428-073	1.7. Completion Date 10/31/2025	1.8. Grant Limitation \$280,000
1.9. Grant Officer for State Agency Cheryl Bondi, Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund Administrator		1.10. State Agency Telephone Number (603) 271-8321	
If Grantee is a municipality or village district: "By signing this form we certify that we have complied with any public meeting requirement for acceptance of this grant, including if applicable RSA 31:95-b."			
1.11. Grantee Signature 1 		1.12. Name & Title of Grantee Signor 1 John Walsh, Vice President of Operations (MA+NH)	
Grantee Signature 2		Name & Title of Grantee Signor 2	
Grantee Signature 3		Name & Title of Grantee Signor 3	
1.13. State Agency Signature(s) 		1.14. Name & Title of State Agency Signor(s) Robert R. Scott, Commissioner Department of Environmental Services	
1.15. Approval by Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if G & C approval required)			
By: 		Assistant Attorney General, On: 10/2/2023	
1.16. Approval by Governor and Council (if applicable)			
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"), 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 B (the scope of work being hereinafter 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 of approval of this Agreement by the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire if required (block 1.16), or upon signature by the State Agency as shown in block 1.14 ("the Effective Date").
- 4.2. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the Project, including all reports required by this Agreement, shall be completed in ITS entirety prior to the date in block 1.7 (hereinafter referred to as "the Completion Date").
5. GRANT AMOUNT: LIMITATION ON AMOUNT: VOUCHERS: PAYMENT.
- 5.1. The Grant Amount is identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C, attached hereto.
- 5.2. The manner of, and schedule of payment shall be as set forth in EXHIBIT C.
- 5.3. In accordance with the provisions set forth in EXHIBIT C, 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 payment 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 and RSA 31-95-b.
7. RECORDS and ACCOUNTS.
- 7.1. Between the Effective Date and the date seven (7) years after the Completion Date, unless otherwise required by the grant terms or the Agency, 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, unless otherwise required by the grant terms or the Agency pursuant to subparagraph 7.1, 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 of 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 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 the 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 Grant Officer shall be the representative of the State hereunder. In the event of any dispute hereunder, the interpretation of this Agreement by the Grant 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 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,
- 9.2. computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, paper, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.
- 9.3. 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.
- 9.4. No data shall be subject to copyright in the United States or any other country by anyone other than the State.
- 9.5. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. EVENT OF DEFAULT: REMEDIES.
- 12.1. 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"):
 - 12.1.1 Failure to perform the Project satisfactorily or on schedule; or
 - 12.1.2 Failure to submit any report required hereunder; or
 - 12.1.3 Failure to maintain, or permit access to, the records required hereunder; or
 - 12.1.4 Failure to perform any of the other covenants and conditions of this Agreement.
- 12.2. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:
 - 12.2.1 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
 - 12.2.2 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
 - 12.2.3 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
 - 12.2.4 Treat the agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.
13. TERMINATION.
- 13.1. 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 (hereinafter referred to as the "Termination Report") describing in detail all Project Work performed, and the Grant Amount earned, to and including the date of termination. 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.
- 13.2. 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 in no 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.
- 13.3. 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.
- 13.4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST. No officer, member of employee of the Grantee, and no representative, officer or 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

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Date

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- 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 interest 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, workmen's 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 B 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, resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Grantee or 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.
- 17.1 The Grantee shall, at its own 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 General liability insurance against all claims of bodily injuries, death or property damage, in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate 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. Grantee shall furnish to the State, certificates of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration date of each insurance policy.
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 of 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 to 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, if required or by the signing State Agency.
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.
24. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. The additional or modifying provisions set forth in Exhibit A hereto are incorporated as part of this agreement.

EXHIBIT A

SPECIAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Project-related changes to the Scope of Services outlined in Exhibit B require NHDES approval in advance and if applicable as determined by NHDES, may require approval by the Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory Commission and a grant amendment subject to approval by the Governor and Executive Council.
2. Work must be completed and request for reimbursement must be made by the completion date listed on the grant agreement (section 1.7).
3. Amend Paragraph 17.1.2 of the Agreement to read as follows:

General liability insurance against all claims of bodily injuries, death or property damage, in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate for bodily injury or death any one incident, and \$500,000 for property damage, any one incident. Grantee may satisfy this requirement through a satisfactory demonstration of self-insurance and a "claims-made" excess coverage policy that together satisfy the requirements in this subparagraph; and"

EXHIBIT B

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Abenaki Water Co., Inc.

The Abenaki Water Co., Inc. will use the grant funds to complete various improvements at the Rosebrook Water system. This project is phased to address NHDES identified deficiencies at the water treatment plant and within the distribution system. Work under Phase 1 includes replacing the pumps in both wells, a new treatment building with upgrades to the chemical systems, onsite storage, booster pumps, and connecting to the distribution system. Phase 2 will continue with the system-wide pressure reduction through various distribution improvements.

As a requirement of this grant funding, Abenaki Water Co., Inc. is required to develop and adhere to an asset maintenance and renewal plan for the funded improvements and provide documentation supporting compliance with this requirement.

This Agreement consists of the following documents: Exhibits A, B, C and attachments, which are all incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

EXHIBIT C

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Date


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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.

In concert with the Abenaki Water Co., Inc. DWGTF loan of \$2,520,000, each disbursement will be paid 10% of eligible expenses as grant funds and 90% loan funds. The total reimbursement shall not exceed the grant award of \$280,000.

Grantee Initials *JW*
Date 8/21/23



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June 1, 2023

State of New Hampshire
29 Hazen Drive
PO Box 95
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Re: Utility work

The General Liability insurance program-maintained Abenaki Water Company Inc as a whole owned subsidiary of Eversource Energy consists of a \$300,000 per occurrence layer of coverage provided through a program of self-insurance. This self-insurance program provides coverage comparable to that provided by the language in the ISO Commercial General Liability Policy, including Automobile Liability, Products and Completed Operations, Employer's Liability, Pollution Liability, and Contractual Liability coverage. The program is structured in accordance with generally accepted guidelines for programs of self-insurance and is supported by a corporate insurance fund for losses within the self-insured limit. The Eversource Energy System companies also have in place catastrophic Excess Liability insurance (above the self-insured layer) provided by Associated Electric and Gas Insurance Services, Limited. Included is a certificate confirming \$2,000,000 of General Liability excess of the self-insurance program.

The primary \$1,000,000 layer of Automobile Liability coverage is provided by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage extends to all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles used in connection with any of the Eversource System Companies' operations.

Please accept this letter as acknowledgment of our obligation to defend, hold harmless and indemnify State of New Hampshire as additional insured on a commercial general liability and provide insurance protection all in accordance with and to the extent by the terms and conditions of the referenced agreement.

If you have any questions or concerns as respects our corporate insurance programs, please do not hesitate to contact me at (860) 665-6905.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W Bross". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "B".

James W Bross



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
05/26/2023

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER MARSH USA LLC. 1166 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036-2774 Attn: NewYork.Certs@marsh.com Fax: 212-948-0500	CONTACT NAME:	
	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext):	FAX (A/C, No):
E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE		NAIC #
INSURER A: Associated Electric & Gas Insurance Services Limited		3190004
INSURER B: Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company		23035
INSURER C:		
INSURER D:		
INSURER E:		
INSURER F:		

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** NYC-011612369-02 **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS	
	COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC OTHER:						EACH OCCURRENCE \$ DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ MED EXP (Any one person) \$ PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ \$	
B	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> OWNED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY			AS2-691-530271-013	05/01/2023	05/01/2024	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ \$1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$	
A	UMBRELLA LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$ 300,000			XL5043712P	03/15/2023	03/15/2024	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 2,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 \$	
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N					<input type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$	

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Re: Utility Work.
NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) s/are included as additional insured (except workers' compensation) where required by written contract. This insurance is primary and non-contributory over any existing insurance and limited to liability arising out of the operations of the named insured subject to policy terms and conditions. Waiver of subrogation is applicable where required by written contract and subject to policy terms and conditions.

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CANCELLATION

NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03302-0095	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE <i>Marsh USA LLC</i>
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ADDITIONAL REMARKS SCHEDULE

AGENCY MARSH USA LLC. ♦		NAMED INSURED Abenaki Water Co., Inc. ♦ 107 Selden Street ♦ Berlin, CT 06037 ♦	
POLICY NUMBER		EFFECTIVE DATE:	
CARRIER	NAIC CODE		

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

**THIS ADDITIONAL REMARKS FORM IS A SCHEDULE TO ACORD FORM,
FORM NUMBER: 25 FORM TITLE: Certificate of Liability Insurance**

\$1,000,000 General Liability SIR any one occurrence as respects Aquarion Company or Homeowner Safety Valve on or after December 31, 2019. \$300,000 General Liability SIR any one occurrence as respects Aquarion Company or Homeowner Safety Valve prior to December 31, 2019. ♦

♦
Abenaki is a subsidiary of Aquarion.



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE(MM/DD/YYYY)
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PRODUCER Aon Risk Services Northeast, Inc. Providence RI Office 100 Westminster Street, 10th Floor Providence RI 02903-2393 USA	CONTACT NAME: PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (866) 283-7122 FAX (A/C, No.): (800) 363-0105		
	E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
INSURED Abenaki Water Company 835 Main St. Bridgeport CT 06604 USA	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE		NAIC #
	INSURER A: Everest Premier Insurance Company		16045
	INSURER B:		
	INSURER C:		
	INSURER D:		
	INSURER E:		

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** 570099553473 **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS.

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CERTIFICATE HOLDER NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) 29 Hazen Drive Concord NH 03302-0095 USA	CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
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**CERTIFICATE OF VOTE OF AUTHORIZATION
GRANTS ONLY**



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

A Certificate of Vote of Authorization is a certificate that states that a grant applicant is willing to enter into a grant agreement with the State of NH Department of Environmental Services and that whoever signs the Grant Agreement (provided under separate cover) has the authority to do so. The Certificate must be signed and notarized on the same date as, or within 30 days of, the Grant Agreement signature. **This is a three-person form: Person Completing this Form, Authorized Representative, and a Public Notary.**

- Completed and signed by someone other than the person being given authority.
- Must be notarized.
- Original is required for submittal.

Certificate of Vote of Authorization

ABENAKI WATER CO., INC.
37 NORTHWEST DRIVE, PLAINVILLE, CT 06062

I, Florence J. Iacono of the Abenaki Water Co., Inc. do hereby certify that at a meeting held on December 16, 2022, the Board of Directors of Abenaki Water Co., Inc. voted to enter into a Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (DWGTF) grant agreement with the New Hampshire Department Environmental Services to fund a Drinking Water improvement project.

The Abenaki Water Co., Inc. further authorized the John P. Walsh, Vice President - MA and NH Operations and Water Quality and Environmental Management to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this grant agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as Secretary of Abenaki Water Co., Inc., this 21st day of August, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as Secretary of Abenaki Water Co., Inc.

Florence J. Iacono, Florence J. Iacono

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

On this 21st day of August, 2023, before me Cheri M. Sullivan, (Notary Public), the undersigned Officer, personally appeared. Florence J. Iacono, who acknowledged herself to be the Secretary of Abenaki Water Co., Inc., being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public Cheri Sullivan My commission expires: Feb 3, 2028

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CERTIFICATE

I, David M. Scanlan, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that ABENAKI WATER CO., INC. is a New Hampshire Profit Corporation registered to transact business in New Hampshire on June 24, 2013. 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: 693607

Certificate Number: 0006220192



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,
I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,
this 1st day of May A.D. 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Scanlan".

David M. Scanlan
Secretary of State

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Drinking Water & Groundwater Trust Fund

(Abenaki Water Co., Inc. (Rosebrook) DWGT-68)

THIS LOAN AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), dated _____, 2023 has two parties:

- (1) the State of New Hampshire (the "State"), whose address is c/o Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095, and
- (2) the following person who is borrowing funds from the State:

Abenaki Water Co., Inc.
37 Northwest Drive
Plainville, CT, 06062
(the "Borrower")

FUNDAMENTAL PREMISES FOR THIS AGREEMENT

A. Pursuant to New Hampshire Revised Statute Annotated ("RSA") 6-D:1 the State has established the drinking water and groundwater trust fund for financing drinking water improvement projects within the State.

B. The Borrower owns and operates a private water system with 415 service connections, in Carroll, NH. The Borrower intends to borrow up to \$2,520,000 to address the Rosebrook wellfield treatment, operation, and maintenance deficiencies.

C. The State has determined that the Borrower's request for a loan financing the cost of the project and made in accordance with this Agreement is eligible for funding from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund in accordance with guidelines adopted pursuant to RSA 6-D:1.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT

The State and the Borrower agree as follows:

1. Definitions. The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

“Construction Contract” means the agreement between the Borrower and a contractor for construction of the Improvements.

“Contractor” means the contractor who enters into the Construction Contract.

“State” means the State of New Hampshire.

“DWGTF” means the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund under RSA 6-D:1.

“Engineer” means the engineer or construction supervisor who enters into the Engineering Contract.

“Engineering Contract” means the agreement between the Borrower and an engineer for engineering the design of the Improvements or construction supervision services.

“Event of Default” has the meaning provided in Section 8.

“Guarantor” means Aquarion Water Company.

“Guaranty” means the guaranty of near or even date of the Guarantor.

“Hazardous Materials” has the meaning provided in Section 10.1(a).

“Improvements” means the improvements to be constructed in accordance with the Plans.

“Legal Requirements” has the meaning provided in Section 10.1(b).

“Loan Proceeds” has the meaning provided in Section 2.

“Note” means the Borrower’s Promissory Note of even date in the principal amount of \$128,010 payable to the order of the State in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C.

“Plans” mean the plans, specifications, and drawings furnished and acceptable to the State.

“Premises” means the real property and real property interests of the Borrower described in Exhibit A attached hereto on or in which the Improvements will be constructed.

“Security Instruments” mean the Security Agreement of near or even date herewith between the Borrower and the State, the Mortgage and Security Agreement of near or even date herewith between the Borrower and the State, the Collateral Assignment of Contracts, Plans and Permits of

near or even date herewith of the Borrower to the State, and any other instruments now or hereafter securing the Note.

“Total Budget” means the budget for all costs of constructing and equipping the Improvements set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto.

2. The State’s Agreement to Disburse Proceeds. Provided the terms, covenants and agreements hereof shall be observed and performed, the State agrees to make disbursements to the Borrower of, and the Borrower agrees to borrow from the State, an amount not to exceed the total principal amount of the Note (such disbursements made, from time to time hereafter, being hereinafter referred to as the “Loan Proceeds”).

3. Representations

3.1 Representations of the Borrower. The Borrower represents and warrants as follows:

(a) Recitals. The Recitals set forth at the beginning of this Agreement are true and correct;

(b) Plans. The Borrower will file the Plans with all governmental authorities having jurisdiction with respect to the Improvements;

(c) Approvals. The Borrower will obtain all necessary approvals of the Plans and all necessary permits, licenses and approvals for the construction of the Improvements from all governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Improvements;

(d) No Violation. Construction of the Improvements will not violate any zoning, environmental, subdivision or land use ordinance, regulation or law;

(e) Water Distribution Rights. The Borrower holds all property rights and other interests or licenses necessary for the ownership and operation of its water distribution system;

(f) No Litigation. To the best of Borrower’s knowledge, no litigation or proceedings are pending or threatened against the Borrower or the Premises;

(g) Financial Statements. The balance sheets and financial statements of Borrower, which were submitted in connection with Borrower’s request for the loan contemplated herein, were prepared on a basis consistent with that of preceding periods and are complete and correct and fairly present the financial condition of the Borrower as of the applicable dates. The Borrower has no contingent obligations, liabilities for taxes or unusual forward or long-term commitments except as in the foregoing financial statements specifically mentioned. Since the date of such financial statements, there has been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the Borrower;

(h) Due Organization and Authority. The Borrower is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire. The Borrower has the power and authority to own its properties and to carry on business as now being conducted and is qualified to do business in

every jurisdiction where such qualification is necessary and has the power to execute and deliver, and perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Note and the Security Instruments;

(i) No Conflict; No Required Approvals. The execution and delivery and performance by the Borrower of its obligations under this Agreement, the Note and each of the Security Instruments have been duly authorized by all requisite corporate action and will not violate any provision of law, any order of any court or other agency of government, or any indenture, agreement or other instrument to which the Borrower is a party, or by which it is bound, or be in conflict with, result in a breach of, or constitute (with due notice or lapse of time or both) a default under, or except as may be provided by this Agreement, result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever upon any of the property or assets of the Borrower pursuant to, any such indenture, agreement or instrument. The Borrower is not required to obtain any consent, approval or authorization from, or to file any declaration or statement with, any governmental instrumentality or other agency in connection with or as a condition to the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement, the Note or the Security Instruments except certain approvals of the Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and certain local permits with respect to the construction of the Improvements;

(j) Bankruptcy. Any borrowings made by the Borrower under this Agreement do not and will not render the Borrower insolvent; the Borrower is contemplating the filing of a petition by it under any state or federal bankruptcy or insolvency laws or the liquidating of all or a major portion of its property, and the Borrower has no knowledge of any person contemplating the filing of any such petition against it, including the properties and assets reflected in its financial statements referred to herein;

(k) No Material Misstatement. No statement of fact made by or on behalf of the Borrower in this Agreement or in any certificate or schedule furnished to the State pursuant thereto, contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to make statements contained therein or herein not misleading. There is no fact presently known to the Borrower that has not been disclosed to the State that materially affects adversely, nor as far as the Borrower can foresee, will materially affect adversely the property, business, operations or conditions (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower;

(l) Taxes. The Borrower has filed all federal, state and local tax returns required to be filed and has paid or made adequate provision for the payment of all federal, state and local taxes, charges and assessments;

(m) Enforceability. This Agreement, the Note and each of the Security Instruments, upon execution and delivery, will be the valid and binding obligations of the Borrower, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, and will not violate any other agreements or instruments to which the Borrower is a party or by which the Borrower is bound;

(n) No Broker. The making of the loan contemplated hereunder or the State's acquisition of the Note or any of the Security Instruments will not subject the State to any claim for a brokerage commission; and

(o) Total Budget. Exhibit B attached hereto contains and will contain a complete and full enumeration of all costs (hard, soft and acquisition) that Borrower anticipates will be incurred in connection with the construction, the development and equipping of the Improvements and in connection with the starting up of the operation of the Improvements.

3.2 Survival of Representations. Each of the foregoing representations and warranties shall survive the making of the loan hereunder, and the Borrower shall indemnify and hold harmless the State from and against any loss, damage or liability attributable to the breach thereof, including all fees and expenses incurred in the defense or settlement of any claim arising therefrom against the State.

4. Conditions Precedent. The State's obligation to advance any of the Loan Proceeds shall be subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:

(a) Insurance. The Borrower shall deliver an updated insurance certificate evidencing casualty and/ or builders risk insurance for the Premises with the State listed as loss payee;

(b) Loan Documents. The Borrower shall have executed and delivered to the State the Note and each of the Security Instruments, each of which shall be in form and substance satisfactory to State, and the Guarantor shall have executed and delivered to the State the Guaranty, which shall be in form and substance acceptable to the State;

(c) Construction Contract. The Borrower shall prepare a public bid offer for the Construction Contract, which shall be reviewed and approved by the State. The Borrower shall receive authorization to award contract from the State and enter into the Construction Contract with the Contractor in accordance with the requirements of such contract, and the Borrower shall have assigned its rights thereunder to State by an assignment in form and substance satisfactory to State;

(d) Engineering Contract. Unless the Engineer is an employee of the Borrower, the Borrower shall prepare a request for qualifications for the Engineering Contract; the Borrower shall have entered into the Engineering Contract in accordance with the requirements of such request, and the Borrower shall have assigned its rights thereunder to the State by an assignment in form and substance satisfactory to State;

(e) Assurances. The State shall receive written assurances from the Engineer and the Contractor that the State shall have the same rights as the Borrower to the continued use of the Plans, and all services related thereto for the construction of the Improvements;

(g) Plans. The Borrower shall deliver a complete copy of the Plans to the State which Plans shall be satisfactory to the State in all respects;

(h) Environmental Review. The State has received an environmental report and has been completed with respect to the Premises satisfactory to the State;

(i) Additional Instruments. The State shall have received such additional instruments, certificates, opinions, surveys and other documents as the State may reasonably request;

(j) No Event of Default. No Event of Default (as defined herein) nor any event which with the giving of notice or passage of time, or both, would constitute an Event of Default shall have occurred;

(k) UCC Search. The State shall have received a satisfactory report concerning liens and security interests affecting property of the Borrower; and

(l) Title Insurance. The Borrower shall obtain a title insurance commitment and policy acceptable to the State.

5. Covenants of the Borrower. Until payment in full of all sums required to be paid by the Borrower to the State under the Note and pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement or any Security Instrument, the Borrower shall:

(a) Construction. Enter into the Construction Contract, which shall be binding upon the Borrower and the Contractor and cause the Improvements and any utility facilities necessary for the operation of the Borrower's business or the occupancy of the Premises and the Improvements and not currently available to the Premises to be constructed, equipped and completed, with all reasonable dispatch, but in any event within twelve (12) months from the date hereof, in accordance with the Plans and all laws, rules, regulations and requirements of governmental authorities having jurisdiction with respect to the Improvements;

(b) Changes. Make no significant changes in or amendments to the Plans without first obtaining the written approval of the State and any governmental agency whose approval is required. Minor changes on project work that are consistent with the objectives of the project and within the scope of this agreement do not require the prior approval of the State;

(c) Inspection. Permit the State and its representatives to enter upon the Premises and inspect the Improvements and the Premises at all reasonable times and examine all detailed plans, drawings and specifications and any books and records relating to the Premises and the Improvements;

(d) Inadequate Loan Proceeds. If for any reason the amount of undistributed Loan Proceeds shall at any time be or become insufficient to pay for the completion of the Improvements, including: (i) all items set forth in the Total Budget, (ii) all incurred cost overruns and incurred costs for items not included in the Total Budget and (iii) all cost overruns and costs not included in the Total Budget that the State deems likely to be incurred, (regardless of how such condition may be caused) then prior to any further disbursement of Loan Proceeds, either (A) expend from funds other than Loan Proceeds an amount equal to such deficiency for amounts shown on the Total Budget, or (B) provide State with an unconditional and irrevocable letter of credit in an amount equal to such deficiency from a bank and in form and substance satisfactory to State;

(e) Sign. Borrower shall erect a sign in accordance with the state specifications on the Premises at such location as the State in its reasonable discretion may determine, indicating that the Improvements are being financed by the DWGTF;

(f) Insurance. Maintain or cause to be maintained liability, casualty and/or builder's risk insurance (the latter to the extent commercially available and applicable) on the Improvements, any material or equipment stored on the Premises, and worker's compensation insurance with such companies, in such amounts and covering such risks as shall be satisfactory to the State and furnish such insurance policies to the State (premiums prepaid or, after failure of the Borrower to prepay the premiums or to procure such insurance policies, the State may procure any such insurance policies it deems satisfactory at the expense of the Borrower), insuring the interests of the Borrower and the State, as their respective interests may appear and, upon request, certificates evidencing such insurance coverage shall be promptly delivered to the State;

(g) Casualty. If the Improvements shall be damaged or destroyed by fire or any other casualty, proceed with the restoration thereof and diligently prosecute the work of restoration to completion, provided that the Loan Proceeds shall not be advanced to pay any part of the cost of such restoration;

(h) No Purchase Money Security Agreements, Etc. Neither purchase nor install materials, equipment, fixtures, furnishings, or any other part of the Improvements under purchase money security agreements, conditional sales contracts or lease agreements, or other arrangements wherein title to or a security interest in such property is retained or the right is reserved or accrues to anyone to remove or repossess any such property that is a part of the Improvements;

(i) Expenses. Pay the State's reasonable expenses (including attorneys' fees) that State incurs in the approval, making and administration of this loan if requested and itemized by the State, and in the enforcement of this Agreement, the Note and related documents;

(j) Cooperation. Cooperate fully with the State with respect to any proceedings before any court, board or governmental agency that may in any way affect the rights of the State hereunder or any rights obtained by the State under any of the Security Instruments and, in connection therewith, permit the State, at its election, to participate in any such proceedings;

(k) Preserve Licenses. Do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect its existence, rights, licenses, permits and franchises and comply with all laws and regulations applicable to it;

(l) Taxes. Pay and discharge or cause to be paid and discharged all taxes, assessments and governmental charges or levies imposed upon it or upon its respective income and profits or upon any of its property, real, personal or mixed, or upon any part thereof, before the same shall become in default; provided that the Borrower shall not be required to pay and discharge or cause to be paid and discharged any such tax, assessment, charge, levy or claim so long as the validity thereof shall be contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and it shall have set aside on its books adequate reserves with respect to any such tax, assessment, charge, levy or claim, so

contested; and provided, further, that payment with respect to any such tax, assessment, charge, levy or claim shall be made before any of its property shall be seized or sold in satisfaction thereof;

(m) Notice of Proceedings. Give prompt written notice to the State of any proceedings instituted against it by or in any federal or state court or before any commission or other regulatory body, whether federal, state or local, which, if adversely determined, would have an adverse effect upon its business, operations, properties, assets, or condition, financial or otherwise;

(n) Financial Statements. If requested by the State, furnish to the State such information regarding its operation, assets, business affairs and financial condition, as the State may reasonably request and in particular shall furnish to the State (i) within ninety (90) days of the close of each fiscal year during the term of the loan annual financial statements of the Borrower, prepared on a basis consistent with previous periods and certified by the Borrower as fairly presenting the financial condition of the Borrower and otherwise in form and content reasonably acceptable to the State and (ii) as soon as practical after filing with the Internal Revenue Service a copy of the executed federal income tax returns of each of the Borrower with all schedules thereto. The Borrower shall use accounting, audit, and fiscal procedures as required by Env-Dw 1106.12;

(o) No Other Indebtedness. Not incur, create, assume, become or be liable in any manner with respect to, or permit to exist, any indebtedness or liability, except:

(i) indebtedness to the State;

(ii) indebtedness with respect to trade obligations and other normal accruals in the ordinary course of business;

(iii) other debt to which the State consents (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

(p) [Intentionally left blank;]

(q) Construction Loan Notice. Within five (5) business days after the later of (i) execution of this Agreement or (ii) the recording of the Mortgage, post a notice provided by the State in a conspicuous place on the Premises and provide the State with written certification that the Borrower has complied with this paragraph; and

(r) Two Party Check Requirements. If any contract between the Borrower or its agent and any person furnishing services, material, supplies or other things shall provide that the disbursement of construction funds to pay such persons shall be by two-party check, the Borrower shall provide, or cause its agent to provide, the State with a copy of such contract.

(s) [Intentionally left blank]

(t) [Intentionally left blank]

(u) [Intentionally left blank]

(v) [Intentionally left blank]

(w) [Intentionally left blank]

(x) [Intentionally left blank]

(y) [Intentionally left blank]

(z) Asset Management. The Borrower is required to develop an asset management maintenance and renewal plan for the funded asset or incorporate the funded asset into the Borrowers existing asset management program. At a minimum the plan must include a commitment to asset management, financing and implementation strategy and an inventory of the funded asset(s).

6. Loan Disbursements.

6.1 Written Applications. Upon compliance with, and subject to, the provisions of this Agreement, and provided there shall exist no Event of Default and no condition or event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time would constitute such an Event of Default, the State shall, upon written application by the Borrower (made not less than fourteen (14) business days prior to the date of the requested disbursement under this Section 6 and made not more often than once a month), make disbursements to the Borrower from the Loan Proceeds in the amounts hereinafter specified, but not in any event to exceed in the aggregate the amount of the Loan Proceeds.

6.2 Amount of Disbursement. Each such disbursement for costs incurred by the Borrower shall be disbursed by the State from the Loan Proceeds in such a manner as to protect the priority of State's lien as required by New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 447:12-a. The amount of each disbursement shall represent the total costs incurred by Borrower and approved by State in conformance with the Total Budget as of any such date of the disbursement application, in excess of funds required to be provided and expended by Borrower under the terms hereof as of the date of said advance application, less any amounts previously advanced by State from the Loan Proceeds.

6.3 Application Documents. Each application for disbursement of the Loan Proceeds, must be accompanied by the following unless waived by the State in writing:

(a) Invoices from Engineer for services in accordance with the Engineering Contract;

(b) A completed disbursement request form signed by the authorized representative of the Borrower with the Contractor's payment estimate and invoices, in form approved by the State and with such backup information as the State may reasonably request;

(c) A certificate of the inspecting engineer or construction supervisor as may be selected by or otherwise be satisfactory to the State, that all work performed at the site of construction as of the date of such disbursement request form has been performed in good and workmanlike manner,

that all materials and fixtures usually furnished and installed at that time have been furnished and installed, all in accordance with the Plans, and that sufficient Loan Proceeds remain undisbursed to complete the Improvements in accordance with the Plans and the Total Budget;

- (d) [Intentionally left blank]
- (e) [Intentionally left blank]
- (f) [Intentionally left blank]
- (g) Any other documents that the State shall reasonably request the Borrower to provide to protect its interests, including without limitation, lien waivers of the Contractor or subcontractors.

6.4 Lien Releases or Waivers. In connection with any disbursement of Loan Proceeds, the State may require lien releases or affidavits from, or the submission of other appropriate forms by, the Borrower, the Contractor, subcontractors or materialmen as may be required by the State.

6.5 Quality of Work. No disbursement shall be made unless all work usually done at the stage of construction when the disbursement is requested is done in a good and workmanlike manner and without defects, and all materials and fixtures usually furnished and installed at that time are furnished and installed, but the State may disburse all or part of any installments before the same shall become due and payable if the State believes it advisable to do so, and all such disbursements or payments shall be deemed to have been made pursuant to this Agreement.

6.6 No Acceptance. The making of any disbursement or any part of a disbursement shall not be deemed an approval or acceptance by the State of the work theretofore done or of materials theretofore furnished.

6.7 Two Party Checks. Disbursements may be made, at the election of the State, by checks payable to the Borrower and the Contractor jointly and delivered, at the State's election, either to the Borrower or the Contractor or each subcontractor or vendor; provided, however, that disbursement shall be by check payable to the Borrower and the Contractor or any subcontractor for which the Borrower or its agent has supplied the State with a copy of a contract as provided in Section 5(q).

6.8 Limited Duty. The Borrower agrees that the State shall assume no duty with respect to disbursement of the Loan Proceeds except to disburse upon the conditions as set forth in this Agreement and that any sums disbursed by the State in good faith and in reliance upon this Agreement, or the Security Instruments, shall be secured by the lien of the Security Instruments.

6.9 Deemed Disbursements. Any sum which, in accordance with any provision of this Agreement shall be payable by the Borrower to the State shall, at the election of the State, be deemed a disbursement by the State to the Borrower pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, and shall be charged against the Loan Proceeds and secured by the Security Instruments.

7. Completion of Improvements. Upon completion in full of the Improvements, the Borrower shall promptly deliver to the State:

(a) Engineer's Certificate. A written certificate of the inspecting engineer or construction supervisor that the construction of the Improvements has been fully completed in a good and workmanlike manner in accordance with the Plans;

(b) [Intentionally left blank]

(c) Project Costs. A certificate by the Borrower, in form and substance satisfactory to the State, listing all categories of project costs and expenses in connection with the construction and completion of the Improvements and the amount paid by the Borrower with respect to each; and

(d) Permits. A copy of the applicable certificates, licenses, consents and approvals issued by governmental authorities with respect to the Improvements.

8. Events of Default. The occurrence of any of the following events shall constitute an Event of Default under this Agreement:

(a) [Intentionally left blank]

(b) Assignment. The Borrower attempts to assign its rights under this Agreement or any advance made or to be made hereunder or any interest therein, or if the Improvements or the Premises are conveyed or encumbered in any way without the written consent of the State;

(c) Encroachment or Violation. Any survey, report or examination discloses that the Improvements or any portion thereof encroach upon or project over or in a street (except as contemplated by the Plans) or upon or over adjoining property or violate any setback or other restriction, however created, or any zoning regulations or any building restriction of any governmental authority having jurisdiction with respect to the Improvements;

(d) Casualty. The Improvements or the improvements on the Premises are materially damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty or cause and the insurance proceeds therefrom (subject to the terms of the Mortgage) are inadequate to rebuild or restore the Improvements or the improvements on the Premises to their condition immediately prior to such casualty;

(e) Failure to Construct. The Borrower or the Contractor does not construct the Improvements in accordance with the Plans;

(f) Misrepresentation. Any representation or warranty made herein or in any report, certificate, financial statement or other instrument furnished in connection with this Agreement or any advances made hereunder, by or in behalf of the Borrower, shall prove to be false or misleading in any material respect;

(g) Mechanics' Liens. Any mechanics', laborers', materialmen's or similar statutory liens, or any notice thereof, shall be filed against the Premises and/or the Improvements and shall

not be discharged within thirty (30) days of such filing or a greater time if such liens are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings with a stay of execution having been served or such greater period of time as shall be permitted by the terms of the Mortgage or other Security Instrument;

(h) Other Defaults. The Borrower shall default in the due observance or performance of any covenant, condition or agreement to be observed or performed by the Borrower under this Agreement not otherwise specifically referred to in this Section 8, provided in the case of a default the Borrower's obligations under Section 5(h) or 5(i) that such default shall continue for more than thirty (30) days after written notice of such default;

(i) Other Loan Documents. Any event of default as defined in the Note or any Security Instrument or the Guaranty of Mark H. Tay of even date, or any event which, with the giving of notice or passage of time, or both, would become an event of default under such instruments shall occur;

(j) Cessation of Work. Any substantial cessation occurs at any time in construction of the Improvements except for strikes, riots, or other causes beyond the Borrower's control, or if any substantial change is made in the schedule for the construction of the Improvements from that provided in the Plans or this Agreement without the approval of the State;

(k) Voluntary Bankruptcy. The Borrower or the Guarantor shall (i) apply for or consent to the appointment of a receiver, trustee or liquidator of it or any of its property, (ii) admit in writing its inability to pay its debts as they mature, (iii) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, (iv) be adjudicated as bankrupt or insolvent or (v) file a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, or a petition or an answer seeking reorganization or an arrangement with creditors or to take advantage of any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, readjustment of debt, dissolution or liquidation law or statute, or an answer admitting the material allegations of a petition filed against it in any proceeding under any such law;

(l) Involuntary Bankruptcy. A petition, order, judgment or decree shall be entered, without the application, approval or consent of the Borrower or the Guarantor by any court of competent jurisdiction, approving a petition seeking reorganization or approving the appointment of a receiver, trustee or liquidator of the Borrower or the Guarantor of all or a substantial part of its assets, and such order, judgment or decree shall continue unstayed and in effect for any period of sixty (60) days;

(m) Dissolution, Etc. The death, dissolution, termination of existence, merger or consolidation (as applicable) of the Borrower, or a sale of assets of the Borrower out of the ordinary course of business without the prior written consent of the State;

(n) Other Obligations to State. Default by the Borrower or Guarantor, as the case may be, in the payment or performance of any other obligations of the Borrower owed to the State, whether created prior to, concurrent with, or subsequent to the obligations arising out of this Agreement, provided such default continues after any applicable notice and expiration of any applicable grace period;

(o) Other Obligations. Default by the Borrower in any other obligation for borrowed money in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00);

(p) Judgment. Final judgment for the payment of money of more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in excess of any insurance proceeds shall be rendered against the Borrower and shall remain undischarged for a period of thirty (30) days during which execution shall not be effectively stayed; and

(q) Insecure. The State shall deem itself insecure within the meaning of New Hampshire RSA 382-A: 1-208.

9. State's Rights and Remedies Upon Default.

9.1 General State Rights. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, all obligations on the part of the State to make disbursements under this Agreement shall, if the State so elects, cease, and, at the option of the State (but subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Note and any applicable Security Instrument), the Note shall become immediately due and payable, and the State shall thereupon be authorized and empowered to exercise any rights of foreclosure or as otherwise provided for the realization of any security for the Note covered by any of the Security Instruments; but the State may make any disbursements or portions of disbursements, after the occurrence of any such Event of Default, without thereby waiving its right to demand payment of the Borrower's indebtedness evidenced by the Note and secured by the Security Instruments and without becoming liable to make any other or further advances as hereinabove contemplated by this Agreement.

9.2 Possession. In addition to the remedies hereinabove provided by Section 9.1, upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State shall be authorized and empowered, at its election, (i) to enter upon the Premises and construct, equip and/or complete the Improvements in accordance with the Plans, with such changes therein as the State may from time to time, in its sole discretion, deem appropriate, and to appoint watchmen to protect the Improvements, all at the risk, cost and expense of the Borrower, (ii) to discontinue, at any time, any work with respect to the Improvements commenced by it or change any course of action undertaken by it in connection therewith, and shall not be bound by any limitations or requirements of time, whether set forth herein or otherwise, and/or (iii) to assume the Construction Contract or related agreement made by the Borrower in any way pertaining to the Improvements and to take over and use all or any part or parts of the labor, materials, supplies and equipment contracted for by the Borrower, whether or not previously incorporated into the Improvements, all in the sole discretion of the State.

9.3 Completion of Improvements. In connection with any construction, equipping and/or completion of the Improvements undertaken by the State pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.2 (but without intending hereby to limit the powers and discretions conferred therein), the State may engage builders, contractors, architects and engineers and others for the purposes of furnishing labor, materials and equipment for the Improvements; pay, settle or compromise all bills or claims which may become liens against the Improvements and the Premises or which have been or shall be incurred in any manner in connection with such construction, equipping and/or

completion; and take such action or refrain from acting hereunder as the State may, in its sole discretion, from time to time determine.

9.4 Costs. The Borrower shall be liable to the State for all costs paid or incurred for the construction, completion and/or equipping of the Improvements, whether the same shall be paid or incurred pursuant to the provisions of Sections 9.2 or 9.3 or otherwise, and all payments made or liabilities incurred by the State hereunder of any kind whatsoever shall be paid by the Borrower to the State on demand, with interest at the rate specified in the Note to the date of payment.

9.5 Cumulative Rights. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the rights, powers, privileges and other remedies available to the State under this Agreement or at law or in equity may be exercised by the State at any time and from time to time, whether or not the indebtedness evidenced and secured by the Note and the Security Instruments shall be due and payable, and whether or not the State shall have instituted any foreclosure proceedings or other action for the enforcement of its rights under the Note or any of the Security Instruments.

9.6 Right of Set-Off. Any deposits or other sums at any time credited by or due from the State to the Borrower and any securities or other property of the Borrower at any time in possession of the State may at all times be held or treated as collateral security for the payment of the loan any and all liabilities of the Borrower to the State. Upon an Event of Default the State may apply or set-off such deposits or other sums or property against such liabilities.

9.7 Power of Attorney. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions and exercising the rights, powers and privileges granted by this Agreement, effective upon an Event of Default, the Borrower hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints the State its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, to execute, acknowledge and deliver any instruments and do and perform any acts that are referred to herein in the name and behalf of the Borrower other than amend this Agreement, the Note or the Security Instruments. The power vested in said attorney-in-fact is, and shall be deemed to be, coupled with an interest and cannot be revoked.

10. Hazardous Materials Indemnification.

10.1 Definitions.

(a) The term "Hazardous Materials" shall mean and include asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCB's"), other carcinogens, oil and other petroleum products, and any other hazardous or toxic materials, wastes and substances which are defined, determined or identified as such under RSA Chapters 146-A, 146-C, 147-A and 147-B, CERCLA, or any other applicable federal, state or local laws, rules, codes or regulations or any judicial or administrative interpretation thereof; and

(b) The term "Legal Requirements" shall mean all federal, state or local laws, rules, codes or regulations, or any judicial or administrative interpretation thereof, including, without limitation, all orders, decrees, judgments and rulings imposed through any public or private enforcement proceedings, relating to Hazardous Materials or the existence, use, discharge, release, containment, transportation or disposal thereof.

10.2 Indemnification. At all times, both before and after any conveyance or foreclosure of the Premises, the Borrower shall at its sole cost and expense indemnify, exonerate, protect and save the State harmless against and from any and all damages, losses, liabilities, obligations, penalties, claims, litigation, demands, defenses, judgment, suits, proceedings, costs, disbursements or expenses of any kind or nature whatsoever, including without implied limitation, attorneys' and experts' fees and disbursements, which may at any time be imposed upon, incurred by or asserted or awarded against the State and arising from or out of:

(a) Any Hazardous Materials on, in, under or affecting all or any portion of the Premises or any areas surrounding the same before the Borrower is divested of title to the Property by conveyance or foreclosure or divested of possession of the Premises following an Event of Default;

(b) The violation by the Borrower of any Legal Requirements with respect to the Premises or other real property; or

(c) The enforcement of this Section 10 of the Agreement or the assertion by the Borrower of any defense to its obligations hereunder, whether any of such matters arise before or after foreclosure of the Mortgage or other taking of title to or possession of all or any portion of the Premises by the State, and specifically including therein, without limitation, the following to the extent they are a result of the matters described in clauses (a) or (b) above:

- (i) costs of removal of any and all Hazardous Materials from all or any portion of the Premises or any areas surrounding the same;
- (ii) additional costs required to take necessary precautions to protect against the release of Hazardous Materials on, in, under, or affecting, the Premises, or into the air, any body of water or wetland, any other public domain, or any areas surrounding the Premises;
- (iii) costs incurred to avoid the imposition of, or to discharge, any lien on the Premises arising from any failure to comply with Legal Requirements;
- (iv) costs incurred to comply with all Legal Requirements relating to the Premises or any other collateral for the Loan, including without limitation, fines, penalties or other charges imposed by any lawful authority; and
- (v) costs and expenses incurred in ascertaining the existence or extent of any asserted violation of any Legal Requirements relating to the Premises and any remedial action taken on account thereof including, without limitation, the costs, fees and expenses of engineers, geologists, chemists, other scientists, attorneys, surveyors and other professionals, and testing and analyses performed in connection therewith. The foregoing shall not apply to precautionary testing which is not in response to a specific identified potential release at the Premises.

11. Assignments. The State may assign, negotiate or pledge all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement or any of its rights or security with respect to the Note and the Security Instruments, and, in case of such assignment, the Borrower shall accord full recognition thereto. The Borrower hereby consents to the State's delivery of any and all financial or other information concerning the Borrower to any assignee or participating lender. The Borrower shall not assign or attempt to assign directly or indirectly, any of its rights under this Agreement or under any instrument referred to herein without the prior written consent of the State.

12. [Intentionally left blank]

13. General Provisions.

13.1 Captions. The captions in this instrument are for convenience and reference only and do not define, limit or describe the scope of the provisions hereof.

13.2 Number and Gender. Whenever the context so requires, reference herein to the neuter gender shall include the masculine and/or feminine gender, and the singular number shall include the plural.

13.3 Binding Effect. The terms, covenants, agreements and conditions contained herein shall extend to, include, and inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the Borrower and the Guarantor, as the case may be, and the successors and assigns of the State.

13.4 Notices. Any notice, demand, request or other communication given hereunder or in connection herewith shall be in writing and sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the party to receive the same at its address set forth herein or at such other address as such party may hereafter designate by notice given in like fashion. Any such notice, demand, request or other communication shall be deemed given when mailed as aforesaid.

13.5 Governing Law. This Agreement has been made in the State of New Hampshire, and the provisions thereof shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of New Hampshire (excluding the laws applicable to conflicts or choice of laws).

13.6 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with any and all schedules and exhibits hereto and the Note and the Security Instruments, contains the full, final and exclusive statement of the agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior understandings, representations or agreements, whether written or oral, with respect to such subject matter.

13.7 Amendment and Waiver. No amendment, modification, termination or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or the Note shall be effective unless it is in a writing executed by the State and in the case of an amendment, modification or termination by the Borrower.

13.8 Consent to Jurisdiction. The Borrower hereby consents to the jurisdiction of all state and local courts of the State of New Hampshire and the United States District Court of the District

of New Hampshire in connection with any suit to enforce any right of the State under the Note, this Agreement or any Security Instrument.

13.9 Joint and Several. If the Borrower consists of more than one person or entity, such persons and entities shall have joint and several liability hereunder.

13.10 Severability. If any provision or condition of this Agreement is prohibited or rendered invalid or unenforceable, such prohibition, invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provisions and conditions of this Agreement.

13.11 References. All references herein to the Note, the Mortgage and the other Security Instruments shall be construed to refer to such instruments as they may be amended from time to time.

13.11 Sovereign Immunity. Nothing contained in this Agreement, the Note or the Security Instruments shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the State and the Borrower have each duly caused this Agreement to be executed, by their respective officers, thereunto duly authorized, as of the day and year indicated above.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Witness

By: _____
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Services

ABENAKI WATER CO., INC.

Witness

By: _____
John Walsh
President
Duly Authorized

JOINDER OF GUARANTOR

The undersigned, being the person named as the Guarantor in the foregoing Loan Agreement, hereby joins therein and agrees to be legally and equitably bound by all of the terms, covenants, warranties, representations, conditions and thereof, this _____ day of _____, 2023.

ABENAKI WATER CO., INC.

Witness

By: _____
John Walsh
Vice President

LIST OF EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT A THE PREMISES

EXHIBIT B THE TOTAL BUDGET

EXHIBIT C PROMISSORY NOTE

EXHIBIT C
PROMISSORY NOTE

\$2,520,000.00
(DWGT-68)

Concord, New Hampshire
_____, 2023

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, Abenaki Water Co., Inc., a New Hampshire corporation with a principal place of business at 37 Northwest Drive, Plainville, Connecticut 06062 (the "Maker"), promises to pay to the State of New Hampshire with an address of c/o Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095, or its order (the "Payee"), the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$2,520,000.00) or such lesser amount as shall be disbursed from time to time to Maker by the Payee pursuant to a Loan Agreement of near or even date by and between Maker and the Payee (the "Loan Agreement"), in lawful money of the United States, together with interest thereon at the annual rate of one percent (1%) until the earlier of (i) December 1, 2024 or (ii) the date of substantial completion of the Improvements (as defined in the Loan Agreement) as determined by the State ("Interest Rate Change Date") and commencing on the Interest Rate Change Date at the annual rate of 3.17% (the interest rate at any given time, the "Applicable Interest Rate") until paid in full as set forth herein. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meaning given to them in the Loan Agreement.

1. Payments. The interest and principal of this Note shall be paid as follows:

(a) Commencing on the first day of the sixth month after the Interest Rate Change Date, interest only shall be paid in six (6) consecutive monthly installments on the first day of each month.

(b) Commencing with the first day of the twelfth month after the Interest Rate Change Date, the principal and interest of the Note shall be paid in Three Hundred (300) consecutive equal monthly installments of principal and interest on the first day of each month with the installment amount calculated to amortize the principal balance of the Note over the 300 month period at the Applicable Interest Rate; provided, however, that the Maker shall have the option to elect prior to the first installment payment under paragraph 1(a) to have the interest accruing prior to the Interest Rate Change Date be capitalized and added to the principal amount of the Note rather than paid in the first installment of interest to be paid pursuant to paragraph 1(a); so long as the sum of the principal balance of the Note plus interest accruing prior to the Interest Rate Change Date (such sum being the "Capitalized Amortization Amount") shall not exceed \$2,520,000.00, and if the sum of unpaid principal plus interest accruing prior to the Interest Rate Change Date exceeds \$2,520,000.00, such excess amount of interest shall be due and payable with the first payment of interest pursuant to paragraph 1(a) above. If the Maker elects to have such interest capitalized, then the Capitalized Amortization Amount shall be paid in Three Hundred (300) consecutive equal monthly installments of principal on the first day of each month, commencing with the first day of the thirteenth month after the Interest Rate Change Date, with interest with the installments calculated to amortize the Capitalized Amortization Amount over such 300 month Period at the Applicable Interest Rate.

2. Prepayment. The Maker shall have the right to prepay any or all sums due under

this Note without penalty. Prepayments shall be applied first to accrued interest and then to principal. Partial prepayments of principal shall be applied against the outstanding principal balance; provided, however, that the Maker shall continue to make principal payments in the amounts specified above and on the dates specified above, with interest on the outstanding principal balance recomputed accordingly, until the Maker's obligations under this Note are satisfied in full.

3. Due Date; Late Payment. All payments of principal and interest shall be due on or before the due date specified above; provided, however, that the Maker shall not be deemed in default hereunder if payment is received by the Payee on or before 4:00 p.m. of the seventh day following the due date. The Maker agrees to pay a late charge of five percent (5%) of the amount of any payment due under this Note that is not paid within seven (7) days of its due date.

4. Applicable Interest. The Maker expressly agrees that the Applicable Interest Rate specified in this Note shall be the applicable interest rate due (i) on amounts outstanding during the term hereof and (ii) with respect to any amount outstanding on and after the maturity date hereof. The interest rate on this Note shall be calculated on the basis of an annual rate of interest applied to twelve thirty-day months over a three hundred sixty (360) day year.

5. Default; Acceleration. The Maker shall be in default of this Note, and all principal and accrued interest thereon shall immediately become due and payable, without notice or demand, upon the occurrence of any of the following events: (a) failure to make prompt payment of any principal or interest installment due hereunder (or within such grace period as may be provided herein), (b) the failure of the Maker to observe or perform any of the other obligations to the Payee under this Note, and the same remains unremedied for a period of thirty (30) days after the date of notice thereof to the Maker by the Payee, (c) the occurrence of an Event of Default under the Loan Agreement or (d) a default or event of default under any Security Instrument (as defined in the Loan Agreement) or (e) a default in any other obligation of the Maker to the Payee, whether now existing or hereinafter incurred.

If the Maker shall file a petition under any section of the Bankruptcy Code, shall make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, shall have a receiver appointed over its affairs who shall not be discharged within sixty (60) days from the date of appointment, or shall have filed against it a petition under a section of the Bankruptcy Code, or any debtor-creditor act, which petition shall not be dismissed within sixty (60) days of the date of filing of the same, then the balance of principal and interest remaining unpaid on this Note shall become due and payable forthwith without demand or notice.

6. Costs of Collection. If this Note is not paid in full when it becomes due, or if any payment required hereunder shall not be paid when due, or within such grace period as may be expressly provided herein, the Maker agrees to pay all costs and expenses of collection, including attorneys' fees; regardless of whether legal proceedings have been formally commenced:

7. Waiver of Presentment. The Maker hereby waives presentment, demand for payment, notice of dishonor, and all other notices or demands in connection with the delivery, acceptance, performance, default, or endorsement of this Note.

8. Non-Forfeiture of Rights. It is agreed and understood that the waiver by the Payee of any particular default in the terms of this Note shall not constitute waiver of any further default and that acceptance of any payment after it is due shall not be deemed a waiver of the right to require prompt payment when due on all other sums and that acceptance of any payment after default shall not cure said default or operate as a waiver of any rights of the Payee hereunder unless otherwise agreed in writing.

9. Payments, Notices. All payments due under this Note, and any notice required to be made hereunder shall be directed to the Payee or to the Maker, as the case may be, at the addresses above specified, or such other address as the Payee and the Maker may hereafter direct, in writing.

10. Binding on Successors, Etc. The obligation of this Note shall be binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of the Maker herein and shall inure to the benefit of the successors or assigns of the Payee herein or any holder hereof. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Maker shall not assign this Note without the prior written consent of the Payee.

11. Gender. Whenever the content so requires, reference herein to the neuter gender shall include the masculine and/or feminine gender, and the singular number shall include the plural.

12. References. All references herein to the Loan Agreement and the Guaranty shall be construed to refer to such instruments as they may be amended from time to time.

13. Governing Law. The Note has been made in the State of New Hampshire, and the provisions hereof shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire (excluding the laws applicable to conflicts or choice of laws).

14. Jurisdiction. The Maker hereby consents to the jurisdiction of all state and local courts of the State of New Hampshire and the United States District Court of the District of New Hampshire in connection with any suit to enforce any rights of the Payee under this Note.

15. Security. The Maker's obligations hereunder are secured by the Security Instruments.

16. Sovereign Immunity. Nothing contained in this Note, the Loan Agreement, or any guaranty guarantying this Note shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Payee, which immunity is hereby reserved to the Payee.

EXECUTED as of the day and year first above written.

ABENAKI WATER CO., INC.

Witness

By: _____
John Walsh
Vice President
Duly Authorized

SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made this _____ day of _____, 2023 between **Abenaki Water Co., Inc.**, a New Hampshire corporation with a place of business at 37 Northwest Drive, Plainville, Connecticut 06062 (sometimes hereinafter called the "Debtor"), and the **State of New Hampshire** with an address of c/o Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095 (hereinafter the "Secured Party") for themselves and their successors and assigns.

RECITALS

A. The Debtor and the Secured Party have entered into a Loan Agreement of near or even date (the "Loan Agreement"), which Agreement sets forth certain undertakings and obligations of the Debtor to the Secured Party.

B. Pursuant to the Loan Agreement, the Secured Party has agreed to extend credit to the Debtor in an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$2,520,000.00), in exchange for the Debtor's promissory note of near or even date (the "Note") to the Secured Party.

C. To secure the obligations it has undertaken under the Loan Agreement and the Note and certain security instruments described in the Loan Agreement and to secure the payment of said sum to the Secured Party and to secure any other obligations of the Debtor to the Secured Party of every kind and description, whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, primary or secondary, joint or several, due or to become due, or now existing or hereafter arising or acquired and whether by way of loan, discount, letter of credit, lease or otherwise (collectively the "Obligations"), the Debtor desires to create in the Secured Party a security interest in accordance with the terms of the Uniform Commercial Code, N.H.R.S.A. 382-A.

NOW, THEREFORE the Debtor agrees as follows:

1. Collateral. The Debtor, for valuable consideration received from the Secured Party, hereby grants to the Secured Party to secure all the foregoing Obligations a security interest in the following property (the "Collateral"):

(a) All the Debtor's goods, machinery, equipment, including without limitation, all water storage, collection, distribution and treatment equipment, furnishings and fixtures, motor vehicles, and personal property, including but not limited to such property located on the Debtor's premises in Carroll, New Hampshire (the Debtor's "Business Premises") or used in connection with the Debtor's business conducted at said Business Premises, and in all inventory including, without limitation, all items held for sale or lease or furnished or to be furnished under contracts of service, or used or consumed in the Debtor's business (all hereinafter called the "Inventory"), and in contract rights with respect thereto and proceeds thereof, all whether now owned or hereafter acquired.

(b) The Debtor, for valuable consideration received from the Secured Party, hereby also conveys to the Secured Party a security interest in all the Debtor's accounts, accounts receivable, contract rights, notes, personal property leases, mailing lists and customer lists, rents receivable, choses in action, drafts, acceptances, instruments, investment property, letter of credit rights, chattel paper, general intangibles, cash and all other forms of obligations due or to become due to the Debtor, whether now existing or hereafter arising and whether joint, several, or joint and several, and proceeds of any of the foregoing, arising from or relating to the Debtor's business.

The Secured Party, by virtue of this Agreement, in addition to any other security or collateral that it may hold, shall have a continuing security interest in said Collateral and in contract rights with respect thereto and proceeds of both, to secure payment and performance of the liabilities and obligations of the Debtor to the Secured Party hereunder.

2. Records and Audits. The Debtor will keep an accurate record of the Collateral, and all additions thereto, and removals therefrom, and of any of its accounts, accounts receivable, contract rights, leases, general intangibles, rents receivable, notes and choses in action, as they from time to time exist, and the proceeds received or receivable therefrom, and will deliver a copy of such records to the Secured Party at such regular intervals as the Secured Party reasonably may require. When requested by the Secured Party the Debtor shall, at the Debtor's own expense, cause a verification of the Collateral to be made by some independent appraiser approved by the Secured Party and an audit of the accounts receivable, contract rights and proceeds of both, to be made by some independent auditor.

3. Maintenance and Insurance. The Debtor agrees to keep the Collateral in good condition, deterioration resulting from normal use excepted, and also to keep it insured against loss from such hazards and in such amounts as the Secured Party may require and in such companies as the Secured Party may approve, payable in case of loss to the Secured Party as its interest may appear, and the policies evidencing such insurance, or certificates thereof, shall, upon request, be deposited with the Secured Party.

4. No Liens. The Debtor represents and warrants that its title to the Collateral is free and clear of any liens or encumbrances except those listed in Schedule 4 and agrees to keep the Collateral free and clear of any future lien or encumbrance unless it obtains the advance consent of the Secured Party for any such lien or encumbrance.

5. Sale and Use in the Ordinary Course. Until Default the Debtor may sell or lease the Collateral in the ordinary course of business and may also use or consume any raw materials and supplies, the use and consumption of which is necessary in order to carry on the Debtor's business.

6. Lists of Accounts and Proceeds. Upon request of the Secured Party at any time after Default, the Debtor will deliver to the Secured Party lists or copies of all accounts promptly after they arise and will deliver to the Secured Party, promptly upon receipt, all rents and other proceeds received by the Debtor including proceeds of the accounts referred to above and proceeds of any insurance policies in the exact form in which they are received. The Secured

Party in its discretion may apply cash proceeds to the payment of any obligations secured hereby or may release such cash proceeds to the Debtor for use in the operation of the Debtor's business.

7. Default. The Debtor shall be deemed in "Default" of this Agreement:

- (a) if the Debtor fails to observe or perform any of the Debtor's agreements expressed herein;
- (b) upon default of the Debtor under the terms of any Obligation of the Debtor to the Secured Party secured hereby, or if notice or lapse of time, or both, are therein provided, then upon such notice or lapse of time, or both;
- (c) upon the loss, unauthorized sale, unauthorized removal of the Collateral from the locations specified in Section 1, theft, damage or destruction of the Collateral;
- (d) if the Secured Party shall deem the Collateral in danger of misuse or loss or removal from this State; or
- (e) if the Debtor changes its name or state of organization without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Secured Party.

8. Remedies. Upon a Default the Secured Party shall have all the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code to the same extent as if they were expressly set forth herein in addition to the remedies provided herein or in any other instrument or paper executed by the Debtor, as well as the right to sell all or part of the Collateral, pursuant to New Hampshire law. In such event the Debtor shall pay all the Secured Party's costs of repossession, collection, custody, storage, sale or other dispossession and delivery, (including reasonable attorneys' fees), all of which the Secured Party may deduct from the proceeds. If the Secured Party seeks to take possession of any or all of the Collateral by judicial process, the Debtor hereby irrevocably waives any requirement of bonds, surety or security, whether required by statute, court rule or otherwise, as an incident to such possession and waives any requirement for demand for possession before the commencement of any suit or action to recover with respect thereto.

9. Certain Remedies. The Secured Party may at any time after Default notify the Debtor's account debtors, or persons otherwise indebted to the Debtor whose obligations are covered by this Agreement, that the Collateral has been assigned to the Secured Party and that payment shall be made directly to the Secured Party. Upon request of the Secured Party at any time after Default, the Debtor will so notify such debtors and will indicate on all billings to such debtors that their accounts must be paid to the Secured Party. The Secured Party shall have full power to collect, compromise, endorse, sell or otherwise deal with the Collateral or proceeds thereof in its own name or in the name of the Debtor. The Debtor shall pay to the Secured Party on demand a collection charge on all accounts collected, that shall include all reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, and all other reasonable expenses of like or unlike nature that may be expended by the Secured Party to obtain or enforce payment of any account either as against the account debtor, the Debtor or any guarantor or surety of the Debtor or in the prosecution or

defense of any action or concerning any matter arising out of or connected with the subject matter of this Agreement, the obligations secured hereby, or the Collateral, or any of Secured Party's rights or interests therein or thereto, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing any reasonable counsel fees or expenses incurred in any bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings.

10. Power of Attorney. The Debtor does hereby make, constitute and appoint any officer of the Secured Party as the Debtor's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with power, in the event of a default, to endorse the name of the Debtor or any of the Debtor's officers or agents upon any notes, checks, drafts, money orders, or other instruments of payment (including payments payable under any policy of insurance on the Collateral) or Collateral that may come into possession of the Secured Party in full or part payment of any amounts owing to the Secured Party, to sign and endorse the name of the Debtor or any of the Debtor's officers or agents upon any invoice, freight or express bill, bill of lading, storage or warehouse receipts, drafts against debtors, assignments, verifications and notices, in connection with accounts, and any instrument or document relating thereto or to the Debtor's rights therein; to give written notice to such office and officials of the United States Post Office to effect such change or changes of address so that all mail addressed to the Debtor may be delivered directly to the Secured Party; granting upon the Debtor's said attorney full power to do any and all things necessary to be done in and about the premises fully and effectually as might or could be done, and hereby ratifying all that said attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. This power of attorney shall be irrevocable for the term of this Agreement and all transactions hereunder as long as the Debtor may be indebted to the Secured Party.

11. Cooperation; Secured Party Sales; No Waiver. The Debtor covenants that it will execute any documents requested by the Secured Party to perfect its security interest in the Collateral. When requested by the Secured Party following a Default by the Debtor, the Debtor shall cooperate in the Secured Party's repossession of the Collateral and will assemble the Collateral and make it available to the Secured Party at such place as the Secured Party shall designate which shall be reasonably convenient to both parties. The Secured Party may dispose of the Collateral by public or private sale, upon the place where it is then located, and the Secured Party itself may acquire the Collateral at any such sale. The Debtor agrees that notice of ten (10) days prior to such sale shall constitute reasonable notice thereof, but that if the Collateral is perishable or threatens to decline quickly in value or is a kind customarily sold on a recognized market, the Secured Party may provide shorter notice or no notice of the sale. The Secured Party shall also have the right to remove the Collateral. No waiver of the Secured Party of any defaults hereunder shall constitute a waiver of any other default or of the same default upon a future occasion.

12. Reinstatement. If after receipt of any payment of, or the proceeds of any Collateral for, all or any part of the Obligations, the Secured Party is compelled to surrender or voluntarily surrenders such payment or proceeds to any person because such payment or application of proceeds is or may be avoided, invalidated, recaptured, or set aside as a preference, fraudulent conveyance, impermissible setoff or for any other reason, whether or not such surrender is the result of (i) any judgment, decree or order of any court or administrative body having jurisdiction over the Secured Party, or (ii) any settlement or compromise by the

Secured Party of any claim as to any of the foregoing with any person (including the primary obligor with respect to any of the Obligations), then the Obligations or part thereof affected shall be reinstated and continue and this Agreement shall be reinstated and continue in full force as to such Obligations or part thereof as if such payment or proceeds had not been received, notwithstanding any previous cancellation of any instrument evidencing any such Obligation or any previous instrument delivered to evidence the satisfaction thereof or the termination of this Agreement.

13. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and be construed in accordance with New Hampshire law.

14. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument executed by the parties.

15. Notice. Any demand, notice or request by either party to the other shall be sufficiently given if delivered to the party intended to receive the same, or if mailed by registered or certified mail addressed to such party at the address of such party stated above, or at such other address as may be stated in a notice delivered or mailed as herein provided.

16. Binding Effect. The covenants and agreements herein contained shall bind, and the benefits and advantages thereof shall inure to, the respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns of the Debtor and the Secured Party.

17. Conflicting Provisions; References. In the event of any conflict between the terms, covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in this Agreement, the Note, the Loan Agreement and the Security Instruments, the term, covenant and condition or restriction that imposes the greater burden or obligation upon the Debtor shall control. The determination as to which term, covenant, condition or restriction is the more burdensome or imposes the greater obligation shall be made by the Secured Party in its sole discretion. All references herein to the Note, the Loan Agreement and the Security Instruments shall be construed to include such instruments as they may be amended from time to time. Wherever used the singular number shall include the plural, the plural the singular, the use of any gender shall be applicable to all genders as the context requires.

18. Invalidity. In any case where any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement are held to be invalid, illegal or enforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions hereof.

19. Sovereign Immunity. Nothing contained in this Agreement, the Loan Agreement, the Note or the other Security Instruments shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Secured Party, which immunity is hereby reserved to the Secured Party.

Executed on the day and year first of written.

Debtor:

ABENAKI WATER CO., INC.

By: _____

John Walsh
Vice President
Duly Authorized

Witness

SCHEDULE 4

LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES

The Collateral is subject to no liens or encumbrances except: those held by the Secured
Party

**COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENT OF
CONTRACTS, PLANS AND PERMITS**

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, ABENAKI WATER CO., INC., a New Hampshire corporation with a principal place of business at 37 Northwest Drive, Plainville, Connecticut 06062 ("Assignor"), hereby assigns to State of New Hampshire with a place of business at Department of Environmental Services, 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095 ("Assignee"), all its right, title and interest in and to any contracts, written or oral (the "Contracts") relating to the design or construction of improvements on property of Assignor located in Carroll, New Hampshire as more particularly described in a certain Loan Agreement between Assignor and Assignee (the "Loan Agreement") (the "Project"), including any plans and specifications prepared in connection therewith (the "Plans") and all governmental approvals and permits (the "Permits").

In addition, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Security. This Assignment is made as additional security for the performance by the Assignor of all of its obligations under the Loan Agreement, Assignor's Promissory Note in the original principal amount of \$2,520,000.00 (the "Note") and certain security instruments as described in the Loan Agreement (the "Security Instruments"), each dated as of even date and delivered to or to be delivered to the Assignee.

2. Representations. Assignor represents, warrants and covenants to Assignee that:

(a) Assignor is and shall be the owner of the Collateral free and clear of any liens, security interests or encumbrances; and

(b) The execution, delivery and performance of the Assignment by Assignor does not and will not conflict with any material contract, statute, rule, judgment, decree or order to which Assignor.

3. Default. Unless Assignor shall be in default under the Note or the Loan Agreement or a Security Instrument (an "Event of Default"), Assignor shall be entitled to enjoy and enforce all of its rights under the Contracts, the Plans and the Permits. If such an Event of Default shall occur and Assignee shall have given written notice to the other party to the Contracts of its intention to exercise its rights hereunder, then Assignee shall be entitled thereafter to enjoy and enforce all of the rights of the Assignor under the Contracts, the Plans and the Permits, and shall become bound to perform all future obligations of the Assignor thereunder. Unless and until such notice is given, Assignee shall not be obligated to perform any of the obligations of the Assignor under the Contracts, the Plans or the Permits.

4. UCC Rights and Remedies. Without limiting the other remedies provided herein or provided by law, upon an Event of Default Assignee shall have the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code, as enacted in New Hampshire, with respect to the Collateral to the full extent provided by law. Assignor agrees that Assignee may file one

or more UCC-1 financing statement in the appropriate filing offices at Assignor's expense to perfect Assignee's security interest in the Collateral and that Assignor shall take any and all actions reasonably requested by Assignee to perfect Assignee's security interest in the Collateral.

5. **Amendment.** Assignor shall not amend, modify or execute amendments to the Contracts, the Plans or Permits or change orders which would involve substantial changes in the cost or nature of the Project, without first obtaining the prior written consent of Assignee, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

6. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and be construed in accordance with New Hampshire law.

7. **Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument executed by the parties.

8. **Notice.** Any demand, notice or request by either party to the other shall be sufficiently given if delivered to the party intended to receive the same, or if mailed by registered or certified mail addressed to such party at the address of such party stated above, or at such other address as may be stated in a notice delivered or mailed as herein provided.

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12. **Sovereign Immunity.** Nothing contained in this Agreement, the Loan Agreement, the Note, any guaranty guarantying the Note or the other Security Instruments shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Assignee, which immunity is hereby reserved to the Assignee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignee and Assignor, have executed this Assignment dated as of the _____ day of _____, 2023.

In the presence of:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Witness

By: _____
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Services

ABENAKI WATER CO., INC.

Witness

By: _____
John Walsh
Vice President
Duly Authorized

DISCLOSURE OF FINANCE CHARGES
-DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER TRUST FUND.

Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 6-D:1

TO: ABENAKI WATER CO., INC.

DATE: _____, 2023

Amount of Loan: \$2,520,000 (DWGT-68, Water System Upgrades)

Payable: 6 monthly installments of interest only followed by 300 monthly installments of interest and principal as further provided in the Promissory Note of even date of the Borrower (the "Note")

Finance Charges: 1% until the Interest Rate Change Date (as defined in the Note) then 3.17%.

Late fee: 5% of each payment will be assessed if not paid within 7 days of its due date.

Above interest is based on the number of days elapsed over a 360-day year, as the case may be.

Recording and filing fees:	\$ _____
Title search fee:	\$ _____
Title insurance premium	\$ _____
Environmental Site Assessment:	\$ 0.00
Appraisal:	\$ 0.00

Acknowledged.

ABENAKI WATER CO., INC.
Borrower

By: _____
John Walsh
Vice President
Duly Authorized