

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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N.H.P.U.C. Case No.	DW 13-171
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Witness	Panel 1

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IN RE EASTMAN SEWER COMPANY, INC.

Sale of Assets and Liabilities to VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EASTMAN

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF MAYNARD GOLDMAN,  
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EASTMAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NOW COMES, the EASTMAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION and submits the following  
PRE-FILED TESTIMONY:

1 Q. What is your name and relationship to the Eastman Community?

2 A. My name is Maynard Goldman and I have been the President of the Board of Directors of  
3 the Eastman Community Association (ECA) for seven of the past eight years. My mailing address  
4 is P.O. Box 251 Grantham NH 03753-0251.

5 Q. What are your duties in that capacity and the general nature of the community?

6 A. As President of the ECA I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and serve on  
7 a volunteer, unpaid basis as do all the Directors. Eastman is a 501 c 4 non-profit organization  
8 that has been in existence since 1971. The Association is located in the towns of Grantham,  
9 Enfield and Springfield and in both Sullivan and Grafton County. Approximately 90% of the  
10 housing units are located in Grantham. There are 985 homes and 336 condominium units. There  
11 are also about 140 remaining lots, many of which are non-buildable.

12 Q. What are your qualifications?

13 A. I have a BA and JD and am retired from an international career in finance, operations and

14 project management. My wife and I began coming to Eastman in 1983 and became residents in  
15 2002. I have been active in community affairs since that time and am finishing my ninth year on  
16 the ECA Board. I am also a member of the Board of the Eastman Sewer Company (ESC) which  
17 is a wholly owned subsidiary of the ECA. In this capacity I have participated in many Board and  
18 Community meetings about the organizational alternatives for the ESC. These discussions have  
19 been going on for a number of years and have been reported in Board minutes of the ESC and the  
20 ECA.

21 Q. Does the broad spectrum of Eastman Community support the transfer of assets of the  
22 Eastman Sewer Company to the Village District of Eastman?

23 A. Yes. The Community has spent considerable time and money to address this important  
24 issue. The ESC services about a third of the residents of the entire Community but many of these  
25 people are part time weekenders and ineligible to vote in municipal or VDE elections. They are  
26 however eligible to vote in ECA elections. We have been advised that the majority of sewer users  
27 support the plan to sell the assets and liabilities to the existing VDE which has the authority to  
28 operate a sewage disposal system. The voters of the VDE have now voted on two separate  
29 occasions to approve this plan.

30 Q. What is the position of the Eastman Sewer Company and Eastman Community  
31 Association?

32 A. The plan has also been supported by the ESC Board (by a vote of 5 to 0) and a vote of the  
33 ECA Board (by a vote of 9 to 0).

34 Q. How will sewer customers have input if this transaction is approved by the PUC and  
35 closed?

36 A. The Eastman Community currently has a Board which is elected by the entire Community.

37 We also have a Council which consists of 81 members from the overall Community which meets  
38 4 times a year. And, of course, we have the VDE which currently operates the water system and  
39 has the authority to operate a waste water system. It makes no common sense to impose another  
40 VDE in a Community this size with this governance structure and the resident/non-resident ratio.

41 Q. What are the benefits of consolidation within the Village District of Eastman?

42 A. This is not just a matter relating to operation of the sewer system. It is a community issue  
43 and a community opportunity. Although the sewer system serves only one-third of Eastman  
44 owners, the entire community is highly dependent on proper operation and maintenance of the  
45 sewer system. This is especially true, knowing there are needed upgrades which are estimated  
46 will exceed one million dollars over the next few years. The goal of the sale of Eastman's sewer  
47 system to the VDE is to properly facilitate those upgrades and achieve the most effective and  
48 efficient management of our resources in the future. The ESC and VDE exist solely to serve  
49 Eastman owners. Many of the operational requirements of the sewer system would mesh with the  
50 VDE's existing structure and capabilities. The newly combined organization would almost  
51 certainly be more efficient, more responsive and less costly than two separate organizations ever  
52 could. It would be difficult to explain how two redundant districts, with many duplicative  
53 characteristics, is a better solution than a combined district that makes use of existing staff,  
54 volunteers, capabilities and resources. It makes perfect sense to have one district that is solely  
55 responsible for Eastman's water-based systems, from extraction to disposal.

56 Q. Do you believe that this transaction is in the public interest?

57 A. Yes. On behalf of the ECA I support the testimony presented by Mr. William Weber and  
58 Mr. Brian Harding. I also would record that the overwhelming majority of the ECA support our  
59 present proposal to sell our assets to the VDE. We look forward to your approval of our efforts

60 so we may get on with the work of upgrading the system in a way which will best meet the needs  
61 of our users.

Respectfully submitted,

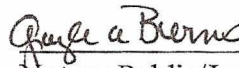
EASTMAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

By:

  
Maynard Goldman  
President, Board of Directors, Duly Authorized

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN


Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013 by MAYNARD  
GOLDMAN, President, Board of Directors of the Eastman Community Association.

  
Notary Public/Justice of Peace  
My Commission Expires:  
GAYLE A. BURNS  
Notary Public - New Hampshire  
My Commission Expires December 9, 2014

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