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To: Chris Martin; Monahan-Burgess, Mary
Subject: USDA/Rural Development Funding

Chris and Mary

In response to our letter sent to you on October 26, 2010 regarding the funding of the New Ludlow Road, Granby, MA Sewer extension, I had spoken with Mary. I indicated that the \$5.45 Million request may be too large to fund in one fiscal year and asked if the project could be broken down into phases. (Usually the average amount we can fund per waste disposal project in a fiscal year is approximately \$2 Million). Mary indicated it could not. I then proceeded to check with our Amherst State Office regarding funding availability in one fiscal year for this size project. Unfortunately I do not have a different answer.

Based on our continuing resolution there is currently insufficient funding and based on our anticipated budget allocation for FY 2011 we will likely have to pass over the application due to a lack of adequate funding for the size of this request. We will continue to hold the application and try to obtain the funding. You may wish to look at alternative sources of funding that will cover a portion or all of the cost.

Please let us know your intent with this application. We are available to meet with you to discuss any questions or alternatives you would like to consider for this proposal.

Sincerely,

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