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Michael Fitzgerald, Assistant Director

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resource Division

29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95

Concord, NH 03302-0095

RE: Letter of Commitment for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

The City of Somersworth is committed to partnering with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for implementation of energy efficiency measures identified in municipal drinking water and wastewater energy evaluation reports performed through the NHDES Water Infrastructure Energy Program (WIEP). These measures could potentially qualify for funding through EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. This five-year program will encourage New Hampshire's municipalities to pursue energy efficiency projects to reduce greenhouse gas and co-pollutant emissions from fossil-fuel and electricity consumption.

Municipal wastewater and drinking water facilities present a unique and critical opportunity to reduce energy consumption, avoid energy costs, and minimize taxpayer costs, all while reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Achieving this will require enhancement of existing efficiency programs and new initiatives tailored to empower action by local governments.

Somersworth is aware that a strong commitment is needed to pursue energy efficiency projects in our water and wastewater facilities in New Hampshire., Somersworth is well-positioned to support the design and implementation of the CPRG program due to our prior experience with NHDES-WIEP. We agree to work with NHDES WIEP to support deployment and community engagement of the program.

We agree to participate in potential working groups where the program is discussed. Should this CPRG funding request be successful, we look forward to working with NHDES WIEP beginning in mid-2024. Somersworth understands that, because of state and federal regulations, this letter of commitment for

NHDES's CPRG application would not give Somersworth a competitive advantage if NHDES uses a competitive process to procure contracts or subawards for CPRG funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Bobinsky", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael J. Bobinsky
Director of Public Works and Utilities
City of Somersworth
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Cc: Bob Belmore, City Manager

Amber Hall, PE City Engineer