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NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION
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Re: NBRC21GEDA04 - Town of Richmond VT - Notice to Proceed/Project Status Report

Dear NBRC-Team,

The intent of this letter is to communicate the challenges that the Town has encountered which have prohibited securing a Notice to Proceed on the above referenced project and to request additional time to secure the Notice to Proceed.

The project outlined in the grant application consists of expanding the municipal sewer system westward along West Main St. The scope outline in the grant application is a total of approximately 3,200 feet and ends at the Willis Farm Property on Rt. 2. Since 2014 The Water and Sewer Commission has been in the planning phase for an expansion of the system of approximately 1.75 miles. The project applied for in the grant is Phase 1 of this three-phase project.

Phase 2 would consist of an expansion from the end of Phase 1 to a gas station located approximately 3,000 feet to the west. Phase 3 would be comprised of an expansion of approximately 3,200 feet west of the gas station to the Riverview Commons Mobile Home Park. However, Phase 3 is now off the table due to a vote that failed to extend the water and sewer district beyond the gas station at the end of Phase 2.

In the past year the Commission engaged in a robust discussion with future users of the system regarding the cost of the expansion and other costs the future users would bear that are associated with the expansion. The determination was that the cost to future users was too high to pursue the expansion at this time.

The Commission then pivoted to explore a different route for the sewer line to service the Willis Farm Property. This route is shorter than the Route along Rt. 2, would be less costly to construct, and would still serve the same goal as outlined in the grant which is to bring the sewer line to the Willis Farm Property and allow for more development on that property.

This new route needs to include an easement over property owned by the Richmond Land Trust. Securing this easement is delaying the process. One option with this route is to connect to a sewer line for the Camels Hump Middle School and the Richmond Elementary School, which would further reduce the cost of the project. In order to do this the Town needs to take over this sewer line. The sewer line

needs some repairs before the Town considers taking it over and this process has also delayed the project.

I am requesting an extension of the notice to proceed to September 30, 2024.

Sincerely,

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