



January 20, 2017

Honorable Raul Pino, M.D., M.P.H, Commissioner  
Department of Public Health  
410 Capitol Avenue  
P.O. Box 340308  
Hartford, CT 06134

Re: Response to Torrington Water Company (Pullman & Comley) Letters of 11/21/16 and 12/6/16  
Proposed Regional Sewer Connection Project - Woodridge Lake Sewer District (WLSLSD)

Dear Commissioner Pino:

The following responds to the Torrington Water Company (TWC) letters of November 21, 2016 and December 6, 2016, both of which claim that WLSLSD's proposed Regional Sewer Connection Project represent an "immediate or long-term threat" to TWC water supply. This claim must be rejected. On the contrary, the facts support the proposed Project by:

- 1) Including a well-designed and highly-engineered wastewater transmission line, with numerous safeguards to serve existing wastewater needs;
- 2) Solving an ongoing potential Public Health issue in the most efficient and cost-effective manner;
- 3) After a 5+ year planning phase overseen by the State, selecting a proposed route to protect groundwater, drinking water and the environment in the region;
- 4) Selecting a route constructed entirely within an existing Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) Right of Way, and that does not directly impact any lands owned or controlled by TWC;
- 5) Protecting water quality in the land adjacent to the TWC watershed; and
- 6) Being consistent with other similarly approved and constructed projects in the State of Connecticut,

Please also know and understand that the Torrington WPCA staff has reviewed the proposed Weed Road route as an alternate option, and for a number of reasons have told us that they would not support that route. They support and prefer the proposed route within the existing ConnDOT Right of Way along State Route 4. Attached are additional details addressing various concerns of TWC. We numbered our responses to match the numbering within each TWC letter.

In conclusion, the proposed Project is safe, it is protective of the environment and it will not create a threat to drinking water quality nor the TWC watershed. We believe that for DPH to deem this Project to be "an immediate or long-term threat", is contrary to the facts, and would set a concerning precedent for numerous other similar projects across the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

WOODARD & CURRAN

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J.G. Sheehan".

Jay G. Sheehan, PE  
Senior Vice President

DAVID PRICKETT CONSULTING, LLC

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David R. Prickett".

David R. Prickett, P.E.  
President

PN: 214383.00