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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] : Re: Prudence Island CO Compliance Response Letter

Hello Robin,

RIDOH has no issue with granting an extension to the deadline to submit the engineering application. Furthermore, RIDOH is willing to review a schedule developed by the PIWD Board for moving forward with the steps to submit the application.

The answer to your questions concerning issues with your Board are not something for which RIDOH can provide answers. Those questions are best answered by the Board's legal counsel. However, it is important for the Board to understand the assistance that is available for improvements to the water system.

First, RIDOH can provide assistance with engineering design through a small system engineering assistance contract that RIDOH has with NWSI. This will allow for NWSI to assess the needed improvements, make recommendations on alternatives and then develop the necessary engineering plans and specifications for the project. This would be done with the input and approval of the Board as to the chosen alternative and would be at no cost to PIWD. In addition, the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Program provides \$100,000 principal forgiveness (PF) for small systems with additional PF available based on economic need. In the past couple of years, there have been several projects that have received 100% PF. While it cannot be guaranteed that 100% PF will be provided to PIWD, it is a possibility. The availability of additional PF is based on an income survey which would be conducted through a contract that the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank (RIIB) has with RCAP Solutions.

Understanding that small systems often could use assistance with financial and managerial planning, RIDOH has a contract with RCAP to provide training on these matters. As a condition of receiving PF, a PWS is required to participate in a training program whereby RCAP will come to you to offer the training. During the pandemic, in order to best protect people, RCAP has been providing the training through an on-line conferencing platform.

Both RIDOH and RIIB will be happy to meet with you at your convenience to further discuss the information provided in this email. You may contact me, and/or Anna Coelho-Cortez at RIIB to set up a meeting and/or to ask questions. I have copied Anna on this email.

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