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REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: November 2, 2021

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Earle M. Chesley, P.E., General Services Director

Subject: Wheelabrator Technologies Water and Sewer Fee Agreement

Recommendation

Accept this report and authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Water and Sewer Fee Agreement between the City of Concord and Wheelabrator Technologies, Inc. (Wheelabrator).

Background

Wheelabrator owns and operates a waste to energy plant at 11 Whitney Road. Water service to the plant is provided through two services; an 8-inch line and a 4-inch line. The plant also withdraws water from the Merrimack River to meet its needs. Sewer demand from the plant has been historically measured at the Hannah Dustin Pump Station since the plant was the only property tributary to this pump station, and provided the basis for the plant's sewer fee since the plant's sewer discharge is significantly less than its water consumption. Present and on-going development in this area are now also tributary to the Hannah Dustin Pump Station. Consequently, it is necessary to deploy an alternative method to fairly assess Wheelabrator's water and sewer fees.

Discussion

City ordinance provides a mechanism where the City and a sewer user may enter into an agreement for sewer service. The attached agreement establishes a sewer rate as well as codifies the ordinance-based water rate for Wheelabrator.

Sewer billing will be predicated on the average water and sewer consumption for the past five (5) years and the agreement allows for the City to adjust the water and sewer rates in accordance

with ordinance-based fees set by the City Council. Historically, Wheelabrator's water and sewer demands have been relatively constant.

cc: James Kennedy, Esq., City Solicitor
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