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ZIEGLER CLOSES \$73.630 MILLION SERIES 2020C TRANSACTION FOR PENNICHUCK CORPORATION

CHICAGO, IL – SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 – Ziegler, a specialty investment bank, is pleased to announce the successful closing of the \$73,630,000 Series 2020C bond issue (taxable bonds) for the Pennichuck Corporation (Pennichuck), headquartered in Merrimack, New Hampshire, which is located approximately 45 miles north of Boston, Massachusetts.

Pennichuck is engaged in the collection, storage, treatment, distribution, and sale of potable water in southern and central New Hampshire. Pennichuck is a closely held corporation with a sole shareholder, the City of Nashua. Pennichuck has two operating business segments: regulated water utility operations and non-regulated water management services.

The proceeds of the Series 2020C bonds were used to (i) advance refund the Series 2014A, Series 2015A, and Series 2015B Bonds of which the original proceeds were used to finance long-term capital projects, (ii) current refunding of the outstanding AULI loan, (iii) new money financing for the Rate Stabilization Fund, and (iv) pay certain costs of issuance related to the bond offering. The bonds carry a credit rating of A with Negative outlook from S&P. The Bonds were issued through the Business Finance Authority of the State of New Hampshire with an overall arbitrage yield of 3.87% and an All-in TIC of 4.01%. Ziegler was able to provide significant debt service cash flow savings for the first 17 years.

Larry Goodhue, Pennichuck Water Works CEO stated, "The team at Ziegler once again helped us bring a crucial transaction to a very successful completion. They worked with us in a truly seamless way, bringing their expertise and professionalism to the table. This enabled the entire team working with Pennichuck to complete a transaction that was quite complicated, to fruition in the most time and cost-effective manner. Ziegler worked with us in utilizing other technical and legal resources that already had institutional knowledge of the company and its debt structure, in order to accomplish this." Goodhue continued, "With their market knowledge, deal structure expertise, and sales efforts, Ziegler guided us through to a successful completion of our transaction, in spite of continuing market uncertainty in such unsettled times in the U.S. economy. We are highly appreciative and grateful for their work and look forward to a long-term relationship with Ziegler, as we focus on other bond issuance transactions in the future."

<u>Ike Papadopoulos</u>, Managing Director for Ziegler's New England market stated, "We are very appreciative of the opportunity to once again work with the Pennichuck team. This was a critical transaction for Pennichuck, which will allow the Company to continue to serve the City of Nashua, and the 10 surrounding municipalities in southern New Hampshire by providing water in the most cost effective and efficient manner. The Ziegler team worked diligently and was able to successfully price the transaction with very attractive rates, which yielded significant savings for Pennichuck."

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