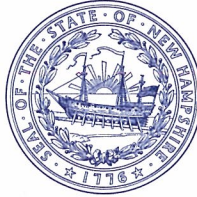


THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHAIRMAN
Thomas B. Getz

COMMISSIONERS
Graham J. Morrison
Clifton C. Below

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AND SECRETARY
Debra A. Howland



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

Tel. (603) 271-2431

FAX (603) 271-3878

TDD Access: Relay NH
1-800-735-2964

Website:
www.puc.nh.gov

September 22, 2008

Re: DW 08-088, Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.
Financing Request
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On September 3, 2008, a duly noticed Prehearing Conference was held in the above referenced proceeding. Appearances at the Prehearing Conference were entered by representatives of Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC), John M. Wolters, *pro se*, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (participating as a full statutory party), and Commission Staff.

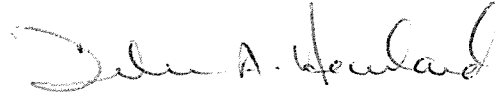
Following the Prehearing Conference, the parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule which was submitted to the Commission by letter from Staff dated September 3, 2008:

Data Requests to Company, Set 1	09/12/08
Data Responses from Company	09/19/08
Data Requests to Company, Set 2	09/26/08
Data Responses from Company	10/03/08
Settlement Conference	10/15/08 at 9:00 a.m.
Staff, OCA, Intervenor Testimony or File Stipulation	10/22/08
Hearing on the Merits	11/04/08 at 10:00 a.m.

The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and therefore has approved it. The Commission has also granted the intervention requests of Carol A Grant and John M. Wolters which are consistent with the applicable standards for intervention in that they have an interest as citizens of Atkinson that may be affected by the extension of the franchise in Atkinson. Finally, the Commission has deferred ruling on the Office of the Consumer Advocate's August 7, 2008 motion to consolidate the issue of HAWC's request for a step increase with Docket No. DW 08-065, HAWC's petition for an increase in permanent rates, pending receipt of the information that was requested of the Department of Environmental Services by Staff on September 4, 2008.

For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this Secretarial Letter as its prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Debra" being more prominent.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Docket File

TOWN OF ATKINSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
21 ACADEMY AVE
ATKINSON NH 03811

STEPHEN R ECKBERG
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE
21 SOUTH FRUIT ST STE 18
CONCORD NH 03301

CAROL A GRANT
19 CROWN HILL RD
ATKINSON NH 03811

TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
11 MAIN ST
HAMPSTEAD NH 03841

RORIE HOLLENBERG
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE
21 SOUTH FRUIT ST STE 18
CONCORD NH 03301-2429

ROBERT LEVINE
HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY
54 SAWYER AVE
ATKINSON NH 03811

STEPHEN P ST CYR
STEPHEN P ST CYR & ASSOC
17 SKY OAKS DR
BIDDEFORD ME 04005

JOHN WOLTERS
5 HICKORY POND LANE
ATKINSON NH 03811

Docket #: 08-088 Printed: September 23, 2008

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS: PURSUANT TO N.H. ADMIN RULE PUC 203.02(a),
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DISCOVERY, FILE 7 COPIES (INCLUDING COVER LETTER) TO:**

DEBRA A HOWLAND
EXEC DIRECTOR & SECRETARY
NHPUC
21 SOUTH FRUIT STREET, SUITE 10
CONCORD NH 03301-2429

PURSUANT TO N.H. ADMIN RULE 203.09 (d), FILE DISCOVERY

DIRECTLY WITH THE FOLLOWING STAFF

RATHER THAN WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LIBRARIAN
NHPUC
21 SOUTH FRUIT ST, SUITE 10
CONCORD NH 03301-2429

BULK MATERIALS:

Upon request, Staff may waive receipt of some of its multiple copies of bulk materials filed as data responses. Staff cannot waive other parties' right to receive bulk materials.

MARK NAYLOR
NHPUC
21 SOUTH FRUIT ST, SUITE 10
CONCORD NH 03301-2429

MARCIA THUNBERG
NHPUC
21 SOUTH FRUIT ST, SUITE 10
CONCORD NH 03301-2429

AMANDA NOONAN
CONSUMER AFFAIRS DIRECTOR
NHPUC
21 SOUTH FRUIT ST, SUITE 10
CONCORD NH 03301-2429