

The State of New Hampshire
Before the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
DW 08-098
Re: Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire

TOWN OF HAMPTON'S ASSENTED TO MOTION TO INTERVENE

NOW COMES the Town of Hampton in the above-entitled matter and moves to be allowed to intervene in these proceedings as a party, and in support of said Motion says as follows:

1. Petitioner seeks authority in this matter to increase its rates for water service both on a temporary and on a permanent basis.
2. The rates of increase being sought here are significant, 21.08%.
3. The majority of the customers who would be affected by these proposed rate increases are located in the Town of Hampton. According to the Petitioner's figures (pg. 5 of Testimony of Larry L. Bingaman) 76% of the customers are in Hampton.
4. The rate increases being requested will have an impact on the household budgets of Hampton residents: on an annual basis, a typical residential customer's water bill would increase by approximately 18.9%, Page 8 of Testimony of Larry L. Bingaman.
5. In addition, the annual cost for each municipal hydrant is proposed to increase from the current rate of \$1,190.05 to \$1,519.67 per year per hydrant. See Schedule of Water Rates for Public Fire Service, Second Revised

Page 15. Hampton is billed annually for 283 such hydrants. Where each hydrant would cost an additional \$329.62 per year, this increase would amount to an additional cost to the Town of Hampton Taxpayers of \$93,282.46.

6. Counsel for the Petitioner has been consulted and assents to this Motion, as does the Office of Consumer Advocate.

WHEREFORE, the Town of Hampton requests that the Commission:

- A. Allow the Town of Hampton to intervene as a party in this matter; and
B. Grant such other and further relief as may be just.

Respectfully submitted
TOWN OF HAMPTON

By its Town Attorney



Dated: October 1, 2008

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this date sent by First Class Mail, postage prepaid a copy of the foregoing Town of Hampton's Assented to Motion to Intervene to Steven V. Camerino, Esq., Petitioner's counsel, and Meredith A. Hatfield, Consumer Advocate.



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