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May 14, 2010

Ms. Debra A. Howland, Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: DW 10-105, Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.

Petition for Authority to Issue up to \$1,600,000 of Long-Term Debt

Dear Ms. Howland:

Staff is writing as a follow-up to our letter filed with the Commission on May 10, 2010 in this docket. We inadvertently omitted from that recommendation letter our analysis of the potential rate impact of the proposed financing being sought in this docket.

The request of Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW) in this docket is for approval of borrowing in an amount up to \$1,600,000. PWW estimates the cost of the project to be \$1,218,000 but has requested State Revolving Funds up to \$1,600,000 should the project costs be higher. Staff has calculated that the potential rate impact of this project would be about 1.1%, based on a project cost of \$1,218,000. Factoring in the cost of the SRF debt to PWW's overall rate of return as established in the company's last rate case DW 08-073, adding incremental operating expenses, depreciation, and taxes, the additional revenue that would result would be approximately \$254,000, or about 1.1% over the revenue requirement established in DW 08-073.

If you have any questions with regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Sincerely,

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