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West Swanze Water Company
before the
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
DW 10-159
Introductory Letter

The West Swanze Water Company ("West Swanze" or "Company") respectfully requests that the Commissioners accept this filing in support of its request for an increase in the water rates. The Company proposes to increase its annual revenues from customers by \$10,126 or 17.13%.

During the twelve months ended December 31, 2009 (the test year) the Company's actual net income (loss) amounted to (\$5,898). Its operating revenues decreased due to less water being sold. Its operating expenses increased due to increases in Town of Swanze property taxes. The net operating income (loss) of (\$5,807) is significantly less than the net operating income required in order for the Company to pay its operating expenses and earn a fair and reasonable rate of return.

The Company proposes that the new permanent rates be effective October 1, 2010 so that it can begin to bill the new rates the first week in January 2011 for the fourth quarter 2010. The Company has decided not to pursue temporary rates in hopes of a more expedited and less costly proceeding.

With respect to the specific rate filing and its exhibits and supporting schedules, the Company has engaged the services of Stephen P. St. Cyr of St. Cyr & Associates to prepare the exhibits and to draft and present testimony on the merits of the case. Enclosed are exhibits, testimony and the other rate filing requirements.

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