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Re DW 11-026, City of Nashua, et al. Joint Petition for Acquisition of Pennichuck Corporation

> DW 04-048, City of Nashua Petition for Valuation Pursuant to RSA 38:9

To the Parties:

On October 18, 2011, the City of Nashua filed a Settlement Agreement among the Joint Petitioners, certain Intervenors and Commission Staff (the "Settling Parties"). The Settling Parties intend to present the settlement agreement at the October 25, 2011 hearing in the above referenced matter. On October 19, 2011, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a request for permission to excuse its expert witness, Scott J. Rubin, from appearing at the October 25th hearing. According to the request, the OCA is a not a signatory to the settlement agreement, but does not intend to contest it at hearing. Consequently, the OCA asks that Mr. Rubin be excused from appearing at the hearing.

The Commission has determined that excusing Mr. Rubin will not adversely affect the rights of any party. Accordingly, the Commission grants the requests of the OCA.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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