

Petition for Increase in Rates

PITTSFIELD AQUEDUCT CO., INC.

Pittsfield Aqueduct Co., Inc. (PAC) has petitioned the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of an increase to its rates. PAC has asked for a temporary increase of 7% and an overall permanent increase of 9.34%. PAC's request for this increase is based on increases in its capital and operating costs as well as investment in its treatment systems to ensure continued compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The increase would apply to all customers. The increase for PAC residential general metered customers would be as follows:

Average Residential Annual Bill			
Based on Annual Usage of 70 ccf (100 cubic feet)			
	Meter Charge 5/8"	Volumetric Charge in 100 cubic feet	Total Annual
Current Rates	\$269.76	\$416.50	\$686.26
Proposed Temporary Rate	\$288.60	\$445.90	\$734.50
Proposed Permanent Rate	\$294.96	\$455.70	\$750.66

The Commission will issue an order scheduling a Pre-Hearing Conference to be held at the Commission's Offices in Concord. When the order is issued, the Company will post it at www.pennichuck.com and publish notice in area newspaper(s). At the Pre-hearing Conference, the Commission will hear preliminary statements from PAC and other parties, and will consider requests for formal intervenor status.

The Pre-Hearing Conference is open to the public. Customers and other interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the company's request. Those unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord NH 03301 or via e-mail at puc@puc.nh.gov Tel: (603) 271-2431 Fax: (603) 271-3878

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