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June 2, 2014

Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: Order of Notice Publication Affidavit (DW 14-130)

Dear Ms. Howland:

Please find enclosed original affidavit of publication in the Union Leader for Order of Notice related to DW 14-130 for your records.

I trust you will find this satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Charlie Hoepper Director Regulatory Affairs

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I hereby certify that the legal notice: (0001138400) DW 14–130 was published in the New Hampshire Union Leader On: 05/29/2014.

State of New Hampshire Hillsborough County

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

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For more information and to submit Letters of Qualification, contact: Leigh Komornick, Town Planner Town of Plaistow 145 Main Street, Plaistow, NH 03865 Phone: (603) 382-7371, Extension 14 Email: lkomornick@plaistow.com (UL - May 29)



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DW 14-130 PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC. Petition for Financing of up to \$54,500,000 **ORDER OF NOTICE**

On May 16, 2014. Pennichuck Water Works. Inc. (PWW) requested authority, pursuant to RSA 369, to issue debt securities in the aggregate principal amount of \$54,500,000. PWW proposes to utilize the proceeds of this financing to: 1) reimburse approximately \$5.1 million in capital projects completed by PWW in 2013 with other funds; 2) fund capital projects in 2014, 2015, and 2016; and 3) refinance approximately \$23,375,000 in existing debt. PWW also proposes to fund, If necessary, a debt service reserve fund or other credit enhancement measure as may be determined by PWW to be necessary and appropriate in response to market conditions. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission. will be posted to the Commission's websile at http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/ Docketbk/2014/14-130.html

The financings are intended to restructure PWW's capital structure. The City of Nashua acquired PWW's parent, Pennichuck Corporation, in 2012. As a result of the acquisition, PWW no longer has access to private equily markets to finance its capital needs. The proposed financings will enable PWW to take advantage of low interest rates and align debt maturilles with the useful lives of the underlying capital assets.

The first of the three transactions in-volves reimbursing short term borrowings totaling \$5.1 million which will enable PWW to finance its 2013 capital improvements over a longer term. PWW in-tends to issue taxable indebtedness through either taxable bonds or a longterm borrowing facility. The bonds would be fixed-rate, 30-year, fully amortizing bonds, at an interest rate of approximately 7.25%. The credit facility would be issued on a 10-year term, amortized on a 20-year straight line basis, with a \$2.5 million "balloon payment" due upon maturity, at an interest rate of about 5.0%. The credit factlity option would also involve the acquisition of an interest rate swap for the first nine years of the term. In the coming months. PWW intends to select the most economically favorable option based on actual market conditions.

The second transaction involves approximately \$19.5 million in capital improvements for 2014, 2015, and 2016. PWW plans to issue tax-exempt bonds with a fixed interest rate and fully amortizing repayment over a 30-year term. PWW expects the interest rate to be 5.875%. PWW has yet to decide whether to issue these bonds at one time in late 2014, or in two offerings in late 2014 and late 2015.

The third transaction involves fully amortizing tax-exempt bonds for a term of no

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to RSA 369:1-4 and whether the proposed use of proceeds of the financings are consistent with the public good, whether the terms of the proposed debt are reasonable, and whether the proposed financings will affect customer rates. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby **ORDERED**, that a Prehearing Con-ference, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on June 11, 2014, at 10:00 AM, at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15; and it is FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, PWW, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition and allow PWW to provide any amendments or updates to Its filing: and tt is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, PWW shall notify all persons destring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than May 30, 2014, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before June 9, 2014; and It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to PWW and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before June 9, 2014, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights. duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17, and RSA 541-A:32 I(h): and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before June 11, 2014. By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twentyseventh day of May, 2014.

Debra A. Howland **Executive** Director Individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication aids due to sensory impairment or other disability should contact the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, NHPUC, 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429; 603-271-2431; TDD Access: Relay N.H. 1-800-735-2964. Notification of the need for assistance should be made one week prior to the scheduled event. (UL - May 29)

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