

TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON

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

Re: Docket DW 19-065
Complaint of the Town of Hampton against Aquarion Water Co. of New Hampshire

Dear Ms. Howland:

The Town of North Hampton Water Commission respectfully requests that it be permitted to intervene on Docket DW 19-065 per Commission 203.17 Intervention as being in the best interest of the Town of North Hampton.

The North Hampton Water Commissioners, on behalf of the Town of North Hampton and its residents, are requesting intervenor status, as being directly affected by these proceedings as rate payers/customers of Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire.

Intervention by the North Hampton Water Commission is needed now in order to be kept fully informed of the parties' and the Commission's intentions and to be in a position to voice the Town's concerns in a timely and meaningful way, and to participate in any discovery.

The Town of North Hampton and its Water Commission request that the Commission:

1. Allow North Hampton Water Commission to intervene as a party in this matter without limitation.
2. Notify the North Hampton Water Commission in advance of any future

proceedings herein; and

3. Grant such other and further relief as may be just.

Further, be it known that the North Hampton Water Commission (NHWC) fully supports the issues and concerns raised and presented in the Complaint filed by the Town of Hampton (TOH).

Specifically:

Count I: Overearnings by Aquarion as to allowed Return on Equity and allowed rate of return, pursuant to N.H. RSA 365:1 and 29.

In Order No. 25, 539 in DW 12-085, after a contested hearing where competing experts testified (including one hired by the Towns of Hampton and North Hampton, the Commission set a decreased rate of return on equity (ROE) from 9.75% to 9.6%, which set a corresponding overall rate of return of 7.49%. Aquarion had requested an increase in ROE from 9.75% to 10.25%.

Count II: Clearing Snow from Fire Hydrants, pursuant to N.H. RSA 365:1.

In DW 18-161, the Town of Hampton complained to the Commission about the fact that Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire relies upon the fire departments of the Towns, where its private fire hydrants are located, to clear snow from those hydrants.

Enclosed please find for filing in the above matter in behalf of the Town of North Hampton by the North Hampton Water Commission, an original and seven (6) copies of this letter and the NHWC's Petition to Intervene in the Complaint of the Town of Hampton regarding Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc.

We are going to be serving this letter and petition electronically as well in accordance with Commission Rule 203.02 and 203.03.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Bob Landman, Co-Chair
North Hampton Water Commission

CC: North Hampton Select Board
Town Administrator
Service List (electronically)

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