

August 17, 2023

By email (<u>ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov</u>)

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman NH Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: The Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. – DW 23-020 Step II - Settlement Agreement

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Pursuant to the Commission's Procedural Order dated October 18, 2022, for this matter, enclosed please find for the Commission's consideration a *Settlement Agreement – Step II Rates* with attachments, entered into by The Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. and the New Hampshire Department of Energy.

Ms. Karen Steele (intervenor) and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) indicated they object to this Settlement Agreement. At the time of the writing of this letter, the Towns of Hampstead and Atkinson have not responded to indicate their position – both were settling parties to the *Settlement Agreement on Permanent Rates* and *Settlement Agreement – Step I Rates*. The Town of Atkinson's petition for intervention is still pending before the Commission.

Consistent with the Commission's Temporary Changes in Filing Requirements (March 17, 2020) due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, the Company will not file any paper copies.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Anthony Augeri

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