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January 2, 2024

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

Re: DW 23-020 Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC)

Petition for Step II Adjustment, DOE's Updated Assented-To Proposed Procedural

Schedule Re Step Expenses

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The Commission directed the parties to submit a proposed procedural schedule for discovery regarding step expenses on or before January 2, 2024. *See* Order on Step Adjustment Rate Expenses and Denying Motion to Clarify (Dec. 20 2023) at 3.

The New Hampshire Department of Energy proposes the following assented-to procedural schedule, **updated** to show the Town of Atkinson's assent:

Set 1 DRs	01/02/24
Set 1 Responses	01/12/24
Technical Session 10:00 – 12:00 (Virtual)	01/25/24
Set 2 DRs	01/26/24
Set 2 Responses	02/05/24
DOE Recommendation	02/29/24

By and through counsel, the Hampstead Area Water Company and the Office of the Consumer Advocate assent to the relief requested. Karen Steele and the Town of Hampstead, by and through Laurie Warnock, Chair, Town Select Board, and the Town of Atkinson, by and through Beth Cacciotti, Chairman, Board of Selectman, assent to the relief requested.

Consistent with the Commission's current practice, this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted, /s/ Mary E. Schwarzer

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