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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman N.H. Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

Re: DW 23-088 Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.; Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.;

Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc.

Consolidated Permanent Rate Proceeding

Objection to Department of Energy Motion to Dismiss

## Dear Chairman Goldner:

Pursuant to the Commission's temporary filing requirements dated March 17, 2020 and pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 26,914 and rule Puc 203.07(e), please see the attached objection to the Department of Energy's motion to dismiss.

Per Order No. 26,914, the Companies will consult the parties to this consolidated rate proceeding with the goal of filing no later than December 29, 2023 a proposed procedural schedule to govern the consolidated rate case, merger, and PEU rate case.

Please also note that to simplify the Commission's investigation of rates, PAC will be filing a notice to withdraw its Notice of Intent, docketed by the Commission as DW 23-097.

Thank you for the Commission's assistance with this filing.

Very Truly Yours,

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cc: Docket-Related Service List