

DW 01-193

WHITE ROCK WATER COMPANY, INC.

Petition for Permanent Rate Increase

Order Approving Procedural Schedule

O R D E R N O. 23,903

January 25, 2002

APPEARANCES: Jordan, Gfroerer & Weddleton by David W. Jordan, Esq. on behalf of White Rock Water Company, Inc. and Mr. James Lenihan on behalf of Staff of the Commission.

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

On November 27, 2001, White Rock Water Company Inc. (Petitioner or Company) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a Petition and supporting documentation for an increase in annual revenues of \$16,864 or 20.09 percent. By Order No. 23,874 issued on December 21, 2001 the Commission suspended the proposed rates and scheduled a Prehearing Conference for January 15, 2002. A duly noticed Prehearing Conference was held on January 15, 2002.

The Commission received no requests for intervention. At the prehearing conference, the Company briefly summarized the reasons for requesting a rate increase while Staff stated it had conducted a preliminary review of the filing and summarized the issues to be investigated in the proceeding. Staff requested permission at the Prehearing Conference to meet with representatives of the Company following the Prehearing Conference to prepare a proposed procedural

schedule and submit in writing a schedule governing the remainder of the investigation. On January 23, 2002, Staff submitted the following proposed procedural schedule:

Data Requests to the Company	01/29/02
Company Data Responses	02/12/02
2 nd set of Data Requests	02/26/02
Responses 2 nd Set of Data Requests	03/12/02
Technical Session	03/26/02
Staff Testimony	04/09/02
Data Requests to Staff	04/23/02
Staff Responses to Data Requests	05/07/02
Settlement Conference	05/16/02
Submission of Settlement	05/29/02
Hearing on the Merits	06/06/02

II. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

Having reviewed the proposed procedural schedule, we find the schedule is reasonable and will aid in the orderly review of the petitioner's filing. We will approve the procedural schedule for the duration of the proceeding.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the procedural schedule proposed by the parties and Staff and delineated above is APPROVED;

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-fifth day of January, 2002.

Thomas B. Getz
Chairman

Susan S. Geiger
Commissioner

Nancy Brockway
Commissioner

Attested by:

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary