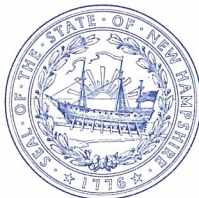


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Re: DW 04-048 – City of Nashua – Petition for Valuation
Staff Concurrence with Motions

Dear Ms. Howland:

The City of Nashua filed an “Assented to Motion to Extend Deadline for Filing Contract” concerning the City of Nashua’s obligation to file its agreements with Viola Water and R.W. Beck within sixty days of the Commission’s order, which was extended by the Commission to September 30, 2010. The City of Nashua requests the deadline be moved to November 30, 2010. The motion is only expressly assented-to by Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. The purpose of this letter is to provide Staff’s position on this motion. Staff agrees with the City of Nashua’s arguments and concurs with this relief sought.

The City of Nashua, Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., Pennichuck Corporation, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc., Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc., and Pennichuck Water Service Corporation filed a “Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Briefs and for Expedited Ruling.” The movants request the Commission extend the deadline for filing briefs on legal issues raised in the August 31, 2010 secretarial letter from September 30, 2010 to November 30, 2010. Extending the deadline will allow the parties to continue discussions aimed at resolving Nashua’s desire to take the assets of Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. Staff concurs with this relief sought in the motion.

Both of these motions request the Commission shorten the period for objecting to the motions to three days. As to this relief, Staff neither concurs nor objects.

Sincerely,

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Staff Attorney/Hearings Examiner

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