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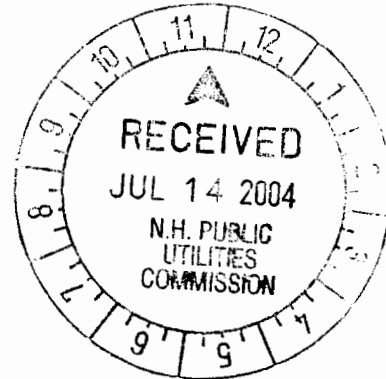
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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
8 Old Suncook Road
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Re: DW 04-048; City of Nashua: Taking Of Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.,
Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc. and Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing with regard to the Motion to Suspend Consideration of Motion to Disqualify that was filed by Attorney Robert Upton, II last week. As the motion indicates, the three Pennichuck Utilities consent to the City of Nashua's request that the Commission suspend consideration of Nashua's Motion to Disqualify. Although the Pennichuck Utilities take issue with a number of the statements contained in Nashua's motion, one statement is of particular concern.

In particular, the statement in paragraph 2 of Nashua's most recent motion is incorrect. Contrary to the statement in Nashua's latest motion, the McLane Law Firm *did* obtain the consent of its clients to continue representing them with regard to both the Town of Ashland matter and the Pennichuck matter, and that consent was obtained well in advance of any phone call from Attorney Upton. I brought this fact to Attorney Upton's attention last week, when he asked for my consent to his motion. Because this issue goes to the heart of whether my firm honored its ethical obligations and because we have previously stated publicly and in pleadings filed with the Commission that consent was obtained from our clients, I felt it was important to clarify this matter.

Sincerely,

Steven V. Camerino

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