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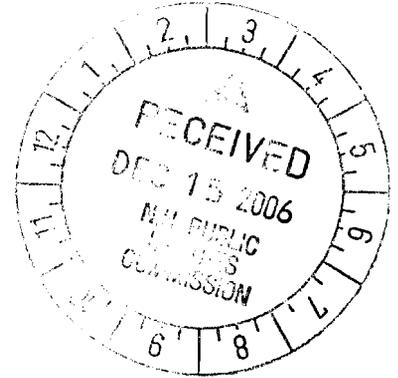
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December 15, 2006

Ms. Debra Howland
Executive Director & Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Re: DW 04-048 – RSA 38 Proceeding regarding Pennichuck Water Works

Dear Ms. Howland:

I enclose the Office of Consumer Advocate's Opening Statement, filed pursuant to the Commission's Secretarial Letter dated November 22, 2006. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Rorie E.P. Hollenberg
Staff Attorney

cc: Service List

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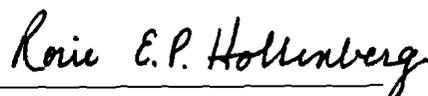NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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OPENING STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

Now Comes the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) and files this opening statement

pursuant to the Commission's Secretarial Letter dated November 22, 2006.

The OCA has taken no position on Nashua's Petition for Valuation and will not present

witnesses at the merits hearing. The OCA plans to attend the proceedings in order to monitor

them and reserves the right to ask questions of witnesses.
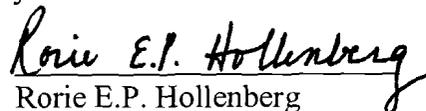
Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I forwarded a copy of the foregoing opening statement this day to the
individuals listed on the Commission's service list by first-class or electronic mail.

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