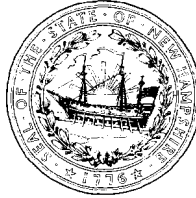


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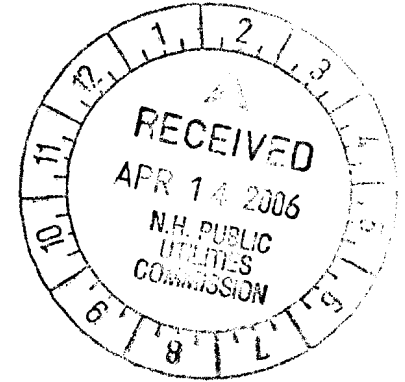
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Re: DW 04-048 City of Nashua, Petition for Valuation Pursuant to RSA 38:9

Dear Ms. Howland:

As you know, I submitted prefiled written testimony yesterday in the above referenced proceeding. In my testimony, I concluded that it would not be in the public interest for the City of Nashua to acquire certain assets of Pennichuck Water Works (PWW) pursuant to RSA 38.

RSA 363:32 authorizes the Commission to designate certain employees, on the Commission's own initiative, as "staff advocates" who are thereby precluded under RSA 363:35 from having ex parte contact with agency decision-makers as to any issue in the affected proceeding. One of the grounds for such a designation is that "[t]he docket concerns an issue or matter which is particularly contentious or controversial and which is significant in consequence." See RSA 363:32, I(a)(2).

The question of whether the City of Nashua should take property from PWW pursuant to RSA 38 is clearly such an issue or matter. Although I am confident of my ability to advise the Commission fairly and neutrally notwithstanding the positions taken in my testimony, I believe it would enhance the public's confidence in the fairness of this

proceeding if the Commission were to designate me as a staff advocate pursuant to RSA 363:32. Please treat this letter as my request that the Commission make such a designation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Naylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Mark A. Naylor
Director, Gas & Water Division

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