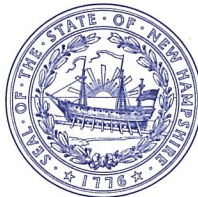


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Re: DW 09-102, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. and Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc.
Petition for Approval of Revisions to Miscellaneous Utility Service Fees

Dear Ms. Howland:

On May 19, 2009, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU) and Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc. (PAC) (collectively, the Companies) submitted a joint petition to the Commission requesting approval for adjustments to certain of the Companies' miscellaneous service fees. This petition arises out of the current rate case for Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW) which is docket No. DW 08-073. In that docket, PWW updated its miscellaneous service fees which had not been done since 1999. Those revised service fees are included in the settlement agreement presented at hearing by PWW and Staff. Because the same customer service staff services all three utilities, the companies prefer to maintain consistency in the utility service fees charged by all three utilities.

PEU and PAC seek approval for updating their service pipe connection fee from \$85.00 to \$160.00, and their service connection and disconnection/collection charge from \$28.00 to \$46.00 during regular hours, and from \$40.00 to \$63.00 during non-regular hours. PEU and PAC assert that these fees should be increased due to increases in the cost of labor. Exhibit A attached to the joint petition provides cost analysis for the proposed fee increases.

In its review of PWW's rate filing in DW 08-073, Staff reviewed these proposed fee increases and the basis for increasing them. Staff concurs that the revised fees are appropriate, and we recommend approval. Staff suggests that, for administrative efficiency, the Commission issue a secretarial letter advising PEU and PAC that the tariff

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pages attached to the petition as Exhibit B can go into effect.¹ It is Staff's understanding that the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) will be filing a letter separately with its recommendations on this matter.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Naylor
Director, Gas & Water Division

cc: Service List

¹ Staff believes PEU and PAC should be directed to re-file the tariff pages with effective dates as of the date of the secretarial letter, as the rates cannot go into effect until the provisions of Puc 1603.07(a) have been met.

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