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NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING

Aquarion Water Company Increase in Rates

November 28, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

**Hampton Town Office Building
100 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton**

On May 19, 2012, Aquarion Water Company (Aquarion) filed a petition with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for temporary rates and for an increase in permanent rates. Aquarion provides water service to approximately 8,770 customers in the towns of Hampton, North Hampton and Rye. Aquarion's request is based on increases in operating expenses as a result of increases in property taxes in the communities Aquarion serves, as well as declining water sales. Aquarion also proposes that the Commission approve its current Water Infrastructure and Conservation Adjustment (WICA) pilot program as a permanent program, approve recovery of the company's 2012 WICA projects in permanent rates, and reset the WICA surcharge to zero beginning in 2013.

The proposed rate request would result in an overall increase in rates of 18.7% for general metered residential customers and an average annual water bill for a single family home of approximately \$515.60, an increase of \$6.76 per month over current rates.

On September 18, 2012 the Commission approved a temporary, or interim, rate representing an increase of approximately 9%, which represents an increase of about \$3.26 to the average single family residential customer's monthly bill. The temporary rate will be reconciled with any permanent rates approved by the Commission.

The Commission will hold a public statement hearing to take comment on the proposed rates at the Hampton Town Office Building at 100 Winnacunnet Road in Hampton on November 28, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Commission at 1-800-852-3793 (NH only) or 603-271-2431.

