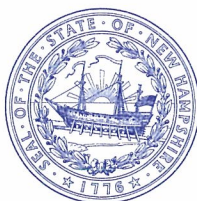


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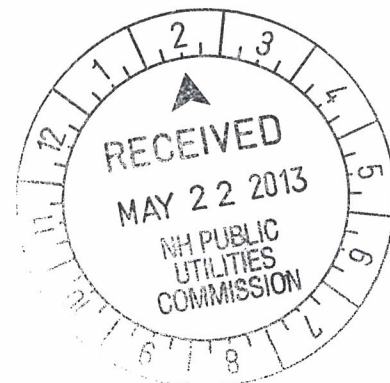
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RE: DW 12-085 Aquarion Water Company of NH – Rate Case
Request for Permission to Excuse Witness from Hearing



Dear Ms. Howland:

Today, Aquarion Water Company of NH (Aquarion), the Commission Staff and the Office of the Consumer Advocate filed a settlement term sheet for consideration at the hearing beginning on May 23. The terms of agreement resolve all of the issues raised by the OCA in its direct testimony. Consequently, the OCA seeks to have its expert witness, Scott J. Rubin, excused from appearing at the hearing. The OCA does intend to call Stephen Eckberg as a witness on the settlement term sheet.

It is my understanding that the Staff and the Company do not oppose the OCA's request to excuse Mr. Rubin. As of filing, the Town of Hampton and the Town of North Hampton had not indicated their position to me.

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R E P Hollenberg".

Rorie E.P. Hollenberg
Assistant Consumer Advocate

cc: Service List via electronic mail

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