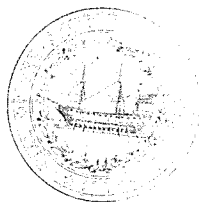


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RE: DW 12-085 Compliance Tariff NHPUC No. 1 – WATER, Supplement No. 7  
Staff Recommendation on Changes to Tariff to Comply with Order No. 25,586

Dear Mr. Dixon:

Staff has reviewed the filing received on November 4, 2013 in the above-captioned proceeding. Although the rates are correctly reflected, Staff found that the recovery period of the recoupment was not properly reflected on page 2, Temporary Rate Recoupment Surcharge. Supplement No. 7 states: “[t]he rates listed below allow for the collection of this amount through a fixed surcharge to customer bills until the full amount of the temporary and permanent rate recoupment is recovered.” Currently, the wording does not define the recovery period of the surcharge. Order No. 25,586 states:

“Both Aquarion’s revenue recoupment filing and rate case expense filing proposed a surcharge to customer bills to be collected over the course of 12 monthly billings, 4 quarterly billings, or 1 annual billing, depending on the customer class. We have reviewed Aquarion’s recovery requests and Staff’s recommendations and we find the proposal to spread the combined surcharge over 12 monthly billing periods, 4 quarterly billing periods, and 1 annual billing period to be just and reasonable. We find that such recovery will not be unduly burdensome to customers. Accordingly, we authorize Aquarion to recover the temporary rate recoupment, by customer class, as depicted in Attachment B to Staff’s recommendation letter.”

Staff recommends Aquarion edit its Supplement No. 7 language to mention the approved recovery periods and to which customer class the periods apply. If you have any questions, please contact me at (603) 271-7092 or via e-mail at [robyn.descoteau@puc.nh.gov](mailto:robyn.descoteau@puc.nh.gov).

Yours truly,

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