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April 8, 2005

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 N. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

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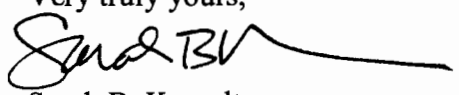
**Re: Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. – Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. ("PEU"), I am enclosing for filing with the Commission an original and eight copies of a Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules.

As is set forth in the Notice of Intent, PEU expects that its rate filing will seek approval for an overall revenue increase of approximately 24.33%. The increase is necessary in large part because of increased investment and increased operating expenses incurred for (i) plant improvements such as the construction of storage tanks, the upgrade of pumps and pumping stations, the installation of treatment systems, and the replacement of mains installed by the prior owner, (ii) the establishment of new sources of quality water supply for two communities, (iii) maintenance of the distribution system, and (iv) electricity, chemicals, and purchased water.

For the Commission's planning purposes, PEU currently expects to submit its rate case filing to the Commission in mid-May. Please let me know if you have any questions at all about this letter or the rate case filing that the company anticipates making.

Very truly yours,  
  
Sarah B. Knowlton

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Enclosures

cc: Kelley A. Ayotte, Esq., Attorney General  
F. Anne Ross, Esq., Consumer Advocate  
Donald L. Correll

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY, INC.

DOCKET NO. DW 05-\_\_\_

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE RATE SCHEDULES**

Pursuant to N.H. Code of Admin. Rules 1604.05, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. hereby gives notice of its intent to file rate schedules with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission pursuant to RSA Ch. 378, seeking an overall increase in annual revenues of approximately \$760,000, or 24.33%.

PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY, INC.

By its attorneys,

MCLANE, GRAF, RAULERSON &  
MIDDLETON, PROFESSIONAL  
ASSOCIATION

Date: April 8, 2005

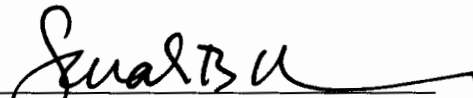
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of this Notice has been forwarded this 8th day of April, 2005 to Kelley A. Ayotte, Esq., Attorney General, and F. Anne Ross, Esq., Consumer Advocate.

  
Sarah B. Knowlton, Esq.