

DW 12-355

March 27, 2013

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Att: Mr. Mark Maylor



Ref: DW 12-355 Dockham Shore Estates Water Company

Dear Mr. Maylor:

As a resident of the Dockham Shore Estates homeowners association, I received a letter dated March 8, 2013 from your office advising of the proposed water rate increase to residents of our association. Since the homeowners association is not responsible for water service to each home, I would suggest that your hearing scheduled for April 4th be postponed in order to give individual homeowners more time to respond to your office regarding this increase.

One of the reasons for this increase is to cover expenses to capital equipment during the year 2012. We would suggest that these expenditures be covered by a "special assessment" charge until such improvements are paid in full. Otherwise we will be paying for these improvements indefinitely, even after the charges are paid in full. As far as the return on investment is concerned, we have no argument with the 9.75% requested.

The other issue that we would like the commission to address is "succession planning." Should Mr. Robertson be incapable of running the system, then who would take over operation of the water system? It is our understanding that none of his heirs are interested in dealing with the water company.

Sincerely,

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