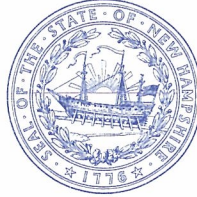


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Ms. Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: DW 12-355 Dockham Shores Estates Water Company, Inc.
Staff Recommendation regarding Recovery of Rate Case Expenses

Dear Ms. Howland:

On October 31, 2013, Dockham Shores Estates Water Company, Inc. (Dockham Shores or Company) submitted to the Commission Staff (Staff) a proposal for recovering its rate case expenses. The Company's submission was made in accordance with the Stipulation Agreement which was approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,582 issued on October 14, 2013.

Dockham Shores submitted a schedule of rate case expenses of \$8,636.05 for proposed recovery. The Company recommended that the surcharge should be apportioned among the rate payers equally in eight quarterly installments at the same time as the water rates are due. Dockham Shores has 60 customers. Per the Company's suggestion, the recovery would be \$143.93 over 8 quarterly billing periods, or \$17.99 per customer per quarter. The Company's summary of rate case expenses is attached.

To assist Staff in its review of this proposal, Dockham Shores submitted copies of invoices in support of the rate case expense amounts indicated above. Staff thoroughly reviewed this documentation and copies are available upon request. Staff is proposing an amount of \$7,486.05 which is \$1,150 less than the amount submitted by Dockham Shores. The amounts deducted from the Company's recommendation relate to the PUC Staff on-site Audit and are excluded from rate case expense recovery per Puc 607.05(b).

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Staff agrees that Dockham Shores' Rate Case Surcharge should be apportioned among the rate payers equally in eight quarterly installments at the same time as the water rates are due; however, Staff is proposing an amount of \$7,486.05. Dockham Shores has 60 customers. Rate Case Expense Recovery would be \$124.77 per customer split over 8 quarterly billing periods, or \$15.60 per customer per quarter.

Dockham Shores has reviewed Staff's recommendations and has informed Staff that they concur with Staff's recommendations. If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robyn Descoteau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robyn J. Descoteau
Utility Analyst, Gas & Water Division

Attachment

cc: Service List

DW 12-355
DOCKHAM SHORES ESTATES WATER COMPANY, INC.
RATE INCREASE INVESTIGATION

Rate Case Expenses

Outside Services:

Attorney Fee	\$6,275.00
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Purchases:

Transcript Fee	500.60
Prehearing	\$150.00
Settlement	\$350.60

Copy Fee	39.45
Prehrg Ord	\$12.00
Order Nisi	\$27.45

In House:

Company Preparation and Attendance	1,725.00
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Mileage	96.00
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TOTAL	\$8,636.05
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Surcharge Methodology

The surcharge shall be apportioned among the rate payers equally. The portion of the rate case expenses assessed against each customer shall be paid in eight quarterly installments at the same time as the water rates are due.