STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.

DOCKET NO. DW 12-359

OBJECTION BY PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC. TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF FRED S. TEEBOOM

Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., petitioner in the above-docketed proceeding (the "Company"), hereby objects to the recommendations contained in a letter from Fred S. Teeboom dated March 22, 2013 and in support of its objection states as follows:

- 1. On March 22, 2013, Mr. Teeboom served by electronic mail on Staff, the parties and the Commission's Executive Director a letter setting forth his recommendations regarding the Company's Water Infrastructure and Conservation Adjustment ("WICA") filing in this Docket.
- 2. Mr. Teeboom makes two recommendations. The first, in substance, is to terminate the WICA (by rejecting this filing and disallowing any future WICA filings unless the WICA is amended). His second is to amend the WICA by requiring the Staff to prescribe a ratemaking methodology other than that set forth in the settlement agreement approved in Order No. 25,230.
- 3. The Commission's directive regarding the scope of this proceeding set forth in the February 22, 2013 Secretarial Letter provided that:
 - "...Messrs. Teeboom and Daly, and all parties and Staff, must adhere to the scope of the docket, which is limited to issues pertaining to PWW's December 24, 3012 WICA filing. Evaluation of the effectiveness of the WICA and whether the mechanism should remain in place in the future are not the subject of this proceeding. Rather, those issues will be the subject of PWW's next rate proceeding, as laid out in Order No. 25,230."

4. Mr. Teeboom's recommendations are in direct contravention of the Commission's ruling on scope. The Company has preserved its objections to Mr. Teeboom's discovery requests, which also ignored this ruling. The Company also disagrees with and objects to numerous factual and legal assertions by Mr. Teeboom but is not responding, as to do so simply results in a *de facto* expansion of the scope of the proceeding

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission reject the recommendations of Mr. Teeboom and proceed in accordance with the Staff's letter of March 22, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.

By Its Attorneys

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Dated: March 27, 2013

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was forwarded this day to the parties on the electronic service list.

Dated: March 27, 2013

Frederick J. Coolbroth