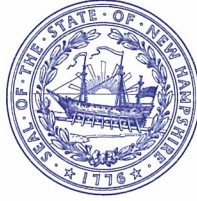


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Re: DW 14-176 Mill Brook Village Water System
Request for Franchise Approval and Permanent Rate Proceeding

Dear Ms. Howland:

On August 7, 2014, the Commission received a rate filing from Mill Brook Village Water System. This is the first time this water system has sought Commission approval for rates. According to the schedules and pre-filed testimony contained in the rate filing, the expenses associated with this water system have grown in recent years. The operation of this system produced a deficiency of \$29,736 for the test year ending December 31, 2014.

Mill Brook did not request temporary rates, however, given that this water system is new to the Commission and is operating in a deficiency, Staff is writing to request the Commission notice this proceeding as including a request for temporary rates. Staff believes it is reasonable to include that issue in the Commission's notice because it will save additional notice time and expense in the event Mill Brook seeks temporary rates. Additionally, because there are only 37 customers, Staff recommends the notice be mailed and not incur the cost of publication in a newspaper. Lastly, Staff recommends the Commission tape record the prehearing conference rather than use a stenographer, again, to minimize rate case expenses to customers. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia A. Brown".

Marcia A. Brown
Staff Attorney

cc: service list

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