


STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Inter-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: Rosebrook Water Company Inc.
DW 15-139 Request for Waiver of Rule 605.04

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On May 8, 2015, Rosebrook Water Company, Inc. (Rosebrook) filed a request for waiver of Puc 605.04 dated May 6, 2015. Rosebrook is requesting a one-time waiver for a six-inch meter required to be test yearly. Puc 605.04(c) requires all utilities to conduct periodic tests on meters in service, in accordance with a schedule established based on meter size. Six-inch meters are required to be tested yearly. Puc 201.05 requires the Commission to waive the provisions of any of its rules if it finds that the waiver serves the public interest, and the waiver will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission. In determining the public interest, the Commission shall waive a rule if compliance with the rule would be onerous given the circumstances of the affected person. *Id.*

According to Rosebrook, a new Badger six-inch meter was installed in October 2014. Badger Meter, Inc. guarantees meter accuracy for eighteen months after shipment, which was September 2014. Puc 605.04(c) requires the meter to be tested in October 2015. The meter is due to be warrantee tested in March 2016. In addition, the company's two other large meters will also be tested in the spring of 2016. The waiver would save the cost of an extra test on the six-inch meter and allow Rosebrook to keep all meters on a spring testing schedule.

Staff recommends the Commission grant Rosebrook the requested waiver of Puc 605.04(c). Given the circumstances, compliance with the rule would be onerous for Rosebrook, and granting the waiver will serve the public interest and will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of any matters before the Commission.

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you.

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