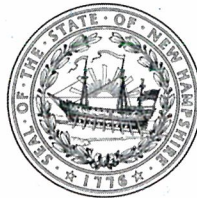


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October 16, 2015

Re: DW 15-199 Abenaki Water Company
Request for a Change in Rates
Rulings on Intervention Requests and Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

The Commission held a duly noticed prehearing conference in the above referenced matter on September 23, 2015. Appearances were entered by Justin C. Richardson, Esq., for Abenaki Water Company, Susan W. Chamberlin, Esq., for the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA"), Richard P. Weaver, pro se, for the Laconia Housing Authority, David Laflamme, pro se, for Village Shore Estates Association ("Village Shore Estates"), John Drouin, pro se, for Lakemont Cooperative, aka Briarcrest Estates ("Briarcrest Estates"), and Rorie E. Patterson, Esq., for Commission Staff ("Staff"),

The Laconia Housing Authority and nine Abenaki customers who live in The Orchards at Plummer Hill, in Belmont, New Hampshire ("The Orchards customers") filed timely petitions to intervene. Village Shore Estates, Briarcrest Estates, Senator David Boutin, and Senator Andrew J. Hosmer filed late requests to intervene. The OCA, Staff and the company did not object to the petitions to intervene filed by the customer groups. The company objected to the Senators' petitions to intervene.

The Commission's attorney, Suzanne Amidon, Esq., presided as the Hearings Examiner and, on September 28, 2015, filed a report summarizing her recommendations. Based on the Hearings Examiner's report and the filings, the Commission has made the following determinations.

The Laconia Housing Authority, The Orchards customers, Village Shore Estates, and Briarcrest Estates are granted full party status pursuant to RSA 541-A:32, I(b). The Commission directs the intervenors to participate through a single representative and to collaborate amongst each other to the greatest extent possible. The intervenors' participation shall be limited to the scope of this proceeding, as defined within the Commission's Order of Notice dated August 28, 2015.

The intervention requests of Senator Boutin and Senator Hosmer are denied. The Senators do not have any rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests that may be affected by the proceeding and they do not qualify as an intervenor under any provision of law, RSA 541-A:32 (I) (b).

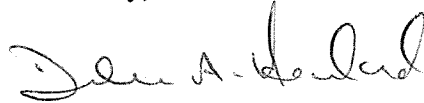
Following the prehearing conference, the parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule, which Staff submitted to the Commission by letter dated October 2, 2015.

09/23/15 @ 10:00 AM	Pre-hearing Conference / Technical Session
Temporary Rates	
09/23/15	Start of rolling Data Requests to Company – Set 1 (5 days for responses)
10/07/15	Last date to submit Data Requests to Company – Set 1
10/14/15	Final Responses due from Company – Set 1
10/21/15 @ 9:00 AM	Technical Session*
10/28/15	Responses from Company to Technical Session Data Requests
11/12/15	Testimony by Staff and Intervenors
11/19/15	Settlement Conference*
12/11/15	File Settlement or Statement of Position
12/21/15 @ 10:00 AM	Hearing
Permanent Rates	
01/13/16	Start of rolling Data Requests to Company – Set 2 (5 days for responses)
02/03/16	Last date to submit Data Requests to Company – Set 2
02/10/16	Final Responses due from Company – Set 2
02/18/16 @ 9:00 AM	Technical Session*
02/25/16	Responses from Company to Technical Session Data Requests
03/24/16	Testimony by Staff and Intervenors
03/31/16 @ 9:00 AM	Technical Session and/or Settlement Conference*
03/31/16	Start of Rolling Data Requests on Staff and Intervenors Testimony
04/14/16	Last date to submit Data Requests to Staff and Intervenors
04/21/16	Final Responses due from Staff and Intervenors
05/05/16	File Settlement or Statement of Position
05/12/16 @ 10:00 AM	Hearing

*Technical sessions and settlement conferences contained in the proposed procedural schedule will be conducted so as to allow teleconferencing if parties are unable to physically attend.

The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and therefore has approved it. For administrative efficiency, the Commission elected to issue this Secretarial Letter as its prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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