



August 14, 2015

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director & Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, N. H. 03301-2429

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Abenaki Water Co. ("Abenaki" or "Company") enclosed is the original and six copies of the Company's temporary rate filing in DW 15-199. Additionally, one copy has been sent to the Consumer Advocate.

The rate filing includes the following:

- (1) Summary
- (2) Report of proposed rate changes
- (3) Proposed tariff pages
- (4) Direct testimony of Deborah O. Carson
- (5) Rate Case Exhibits for temporary rates
- (6) Attestation of Deborah O. Carson

The Company believes that it has met the rate filing requirements for temporary rates. It is our understanding that the Commissioners will schedule a prehearing conference to consider motions for intervention and a procedural schedule. The Company also anticipates being able to discuss and resolve any issues that may arise during the proceedings. If the Commissioners and/or its Staff have any questions, please contact me at 860-747-1665.

Sincerely,

Deborah O. Carson

cc: Donald J. E. Vaughan  
Justin C. Richardson  
Stephen P. St. Cyr

Abenaki Water Company

DW 15-199

Testimony, Exhibits and

Other Rate Case Filing Requirements

For Temporary Rates



## Abenaki Water Company

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Abenaki Water Company  
before the  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
DW 15-199  
Summary

Abenaki Water Company (“Abenaki” or “Company”) respectfully requests that the Commissioners accept this filing in support of its request for temporary rates for its Belmont sewer customers and its Bow water customers.

The Company proposes that the Belmont water customers’ present rates be made temporary. The Company cannot justify increasing Belmont water rates based on annualized test year results.

The Company proposes to increase its annual revenues from Belmont sewer by \$17,237 or 22.01%. The increase is due to 2014 capital improvements and increases in expenses.

The Company proposes to increase its annual revenues from Bow water by \$11,974 or 18.09%. The increase is due to 2014 capital improvements and increases in expenses.

The Company has proposed permanent rates, however, it is seeking temporary rates while the permanent rates are under review and consideration. The increase in rates will improve cash flow for the Company and lessen the rate impact on customers when permanent rates are approved by the Commission.

With respect to the specific rate filing and its exhibits and supporting schedules, the Company has engaged the services of Justin C. Richardson of Upton & Hatfield to provide legal services and Stephen P. St. Cyr of St. Cyr & Associates to provide accounting / rate services. Enclosed are testimony, exhibits and the other rate filing requirements.

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**AWC Belmont Sewer - Temporary Rates**

**Report of Proposed Rate Changes - Sewer**

Utility **Abenaki Belmont**

Date Filed:

Tariff No.:

Effective Date:

<u>Rate of Class of Service</u>	<u>Effect of Change</u>	<u>Number of Customers</u>	<u>Authorized Annualized Revenue</u>	<u>Proposed Revenue</u>	<u>Proposed Change Amount</u>
Residential, Single Family	\$ 11,586	148	\$ 52,637	\$ 64,223	\$ 11,586
Residential, Multi-Family	3,580	4	16,263	\$ 19,843	3,580
Commercial A, FairPoint Communications	1,026	1	4,663	\$ 5,689	1,026
Commercial B	1,045	3	4,750	\$ 5,795	1,045
<b>Total Sewer</b>	<b>\$ 17,237</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>\$ 78,313</b>	<b>\$ 95,550</b>	<b>\$ 17,237</b>
Misc.	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,237</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>\$ 78,313</b>	<b>\$ 95,550</b>	<b>\$ 17,237</b>
Average Single Family			<b>\$ 355.66</b>	<b>\$ 433.94</b>	<b>\$ 78.28</b>
Percent Increase					<u>22.01%</u>

# AWC Bow Water - Temporary Rates

## Report of Proposed Rate Changes

Utility                      Abenaki Bow

Date Filed:

Tariff No.:

Effective Date:

<u>Rate of Class of Service</u>	<u>Effect of Change</u>	<u>Number of Customers</u>	<u>Authorized Present Revenue</u>	<u>Proposed Revenue</u>	<u>Proposed Change Amount</u>
Residential	\$ 11,974	95	\$ 66,207	\$ 78,181	\$ 11,974
Misc. Service Revenues	\$0	0	103	103	\$0
Total	<u>\$ 11,974</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>\$ 66,310</u>	<u>\$ 78,284</u>	<u>\$ 11,974</u>
Average per Customer	<u>\$ 126.04</u>		<u>\$ 696.92</u>	<u>\$ 822.96</u>	<u>\$ 126.04</u>
Percent Increase					<u>18.09%</u>

NHPUC NO. 2 – Water

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ABENAKI WATER CO., INC.

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Belmont N. H.

**METERED SERVICE**

**Residential, Single Family**

**Rate Schedule – “MRS”**

**AVAILABILITY:**

This schedule is applicable to all water service to all residential structures in the territory except Maple Hill Acres.

**CHARACTER OF SERVICE:**

Water is obtained from wells and will be transmitted by pumps to the individual service pipes at a pressure of approximately 30 to 150 pounds per square inch.

**RATES:**

The rate of metered service shall include a customer charge per dwelling of \$32.33 per month plus an additional charge based on metered service as follows:

\$5.3388 per hundred cubic feet of water used.

**MINIMUM CHARGE:**

The minimum charge will be the Customer Charge.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT**

Bills under these rates are net, will be rendered monthly and are due and payable twenty-five (25) days after mailing.

Issued in compliance with NHPUC Order No. ... in Docket DW 15-199 dated ...

ISSUED: August 14, 2015

ISSUED BY: Deborah O. Carson

EFFECTIVE:

TITLE: Treasurer

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Belmont N. H.

**METERED SERVICE**

**Residential, Multi Family**

**Rate Schedule – “MRM”**

**AVAILABILITY:**

This schedule is applicable to all water service to Maple Hill Acres.

**CHARACTER OF SERVICE:**

Water is obtained from wells and will be transmitted by pumps to the individual service pipes at a pressure of approximately 70 pounds per square inch.

**RATES:**

The rate of metered service shall include a customer charge per dwelling of \$1,034.66 per month, plus an additional charge based on metered service as follows:

\$5.3388 per hundred cubic feet of water used.

**MINIMUM CHARGE:**

The minimum charge will be the Customer Charge.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT**

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Belmont N. H.

**METERED SERVICE**

**Commercial, Class A**

**Rate Schedule – “MCA”**

**AVAILABILITY:**

This schedule is applicable to all water service to FairPoint Communications.

**CHARACTER OF SERVICE:**

Water is obtained from wells and will be transmitted by pumps to the individual service pipes at a pressure of approximately 70 pounds per square inch.

**RATES:**

The rate of metered service shall include a customer charge per customer of \$436.00 per month, plus an additional charge based on metered service as follows:

\$15.0495 per hundred cubic feet of water used.

**MINIMUM CHARGE:**

The minimum charge will be the Customer Charge.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT**

Bills under these rates are net, will be rendered monthly and are due and payable twenty-five (25) days after mailing.

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EFFECTIVE:

TITLE: Treasurer

**METERED SERVICE**

**Commercial, Class B**

**Rate Schedule – “MCB”**

**AVAILABILITY:**

This schedule is applicable to all water service to to all commercial users in the franchise territory other than those to which Rate Schedule MCA applies.

**CHARACTER OF SERVICE:**

Water is obtained from wells and will be transmitted by pumps to the individual service pipes at a pressure of approximately 70 pounds per square inch.

**RATES:**

The rate of metered service shall include a customer charge per customer of \$145.66 per month, plus an additional charge based on metered service as follows:

\$6.7967 per hundred cubic feet of water used.

**MINIMUM CHARGE:**

The minimum charge will be the Customer Charge.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT**

Bills under these rates are net, will be rendered monthly and are due and payable twenty-five (25) days after mailing.

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NHPUC NO. 1 – Sewer

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Belmont N. H.

**CHARACTER OF SERVICE:**

Receiving, transporting and disposal of sewage from the Customer's premises, subject to the terms and conditions of this Tariff rendered in monthly bills and are due and payable twenty five days after mailing.

<b>RATES:</b>	<u>Base Charge</u>	<u>Consumption Charge (CCF)</u>
Commercial Class A	\$327.00	\$9.4033
Commercial Class B	\$109.00	\$3.1376
Residential Multi-Family	\$952.00	\$4.3059
Residential Single Family	\$ 24.00	\$4.3059

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**GENERAL SERVICE - METERED**

**Rate Schedule – “GM”**

**AVAILABILITY:**

This schedule is applicable to all water service in the territory.

**CHARACTER OF SERVICE:**

Water is obtained from wells and will be transmitted by pumps to the individual service pipes at a pressure ranging from 20 to 125 pounds per square inch (or at a maximum pressure of 125 pounds per square inch).

**RATES:**

The rate of metered service shall include a customer charge per customer unit based upon the size of the meter as follows:

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>Charge per Month</u>
1 inch and smaller	\$19.54

Plus an additional charge based on metered service as follows:

\$10.20 per hundred cubic feet of water used.

**MINIMUM CHARGE:**

The minimum charge will be the Customer Charge.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT**

Bills under these rates are net, will be rendered monthly and are due and payable upon presentation.

**SPECIAL PROVISION** Interest charge at the rate of 1.5% per month (18% annually) after 30 days.

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