

BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Abenaki Water Company, Inc.

Petition for Permanent and Temporary Rate Increases

NHPUC Docket No. DW 15-199

PETITION FOR TEMPORARY RATE INCREASES

NOW COMES Abenaki Water Company, Inc., by and through Upton & Hatfield, LLP, and petitions for temporary rate increases as follows:

1. Abenaki Water Company, Inc., (“Company”) has requested approval of a permanent rate increase water rates in the amount of \$45,393 on a consolidated basis. The Company has also requested a permanent increase in its sewer rates in the amount of \$39,246.

2. As set forth in the testimony and schedules submitted herewith, the Company requests that the Commission approve temporary rates in this proceeding pursuant to RSA 378:27 – 29 as follows: (1) approve the present Belmont water rates as temporary rates; (2) approve a temporary increase in Belmont sewer revenues of \$17,237; and (3) approve a temporary increase in Bow water revenues of \$11,974. The Company requests that the temporary rates be approved by the Commission subject to adjustment (reconciliation) as provided by RSA 378:29.

3. RSA 378:27 provides for temporary rates that “shall be sufficient to yield not less than a reasonable return on the cost of the property of the utility used and useful in the public service less accrued depreciation, as shown by the reports of the utility filed with the commission, unless there appears to be reasonable ground for questioning the figures in such reports.”

4. As explained in the Company's schedules and testimony, temporary rates are necessary in this proceeding in order to: (a) eliminate revenue deficiency incurred during the test year; (b) reflect 2014 additions into rate base; and (c) allow the Company to earn its present authorized rate of return. Temporary rates will also minimize the need for rate recoupment upon determination of permanent rates in this proceeding.

5. The Company requests that the Commission approve temporary rates on a service rendered basis as of the date specified for publication of the Commission's Order of Notice in this proceeding. *See Appeal of Pennichuck Water Works*, 120 N.H. 562, 567 (1980) (rates may be effective as of "the date on which the utility files its underlying request for a change in its permanent rates.").

WHEREFORE Abenaki Water Co., Inc., respectfully requests that the Commission:

- A. Issue an Order of Notice for publication by the Company;
- B. Approve temporary and permanent rates in this proceeding; and
- C. Grant such other relief as justice may require.

Respectfully submitted,

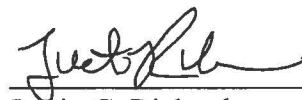
Abenaki Water Company

By Its Counsel,

UPTON & HATFIELD, LLP

Date: August 14, 2105

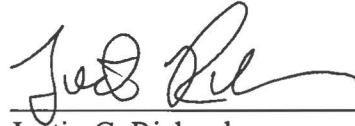
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was this day forwarded to all persons on the Commission's official service list in this proceeding by electronic mail.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin C. Richardson", written over a horizontal line.

Justin C. Richardson