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January 22, 2016

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Via Electronic Mail and Hand Delivery

Ms. Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: Docket No. DW 15-476; Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc.
Water Infrastructure and Conservation Adjustment (WICA)**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is an Affidavit of Publication whereby the Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,857 Granting Petition was published in the Portsmouth Herald, The Exeter News-Letter and The Hampton Union on January 15, 2016.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding this filing.

Yours sincerely,

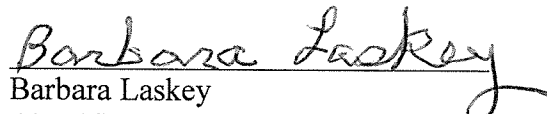
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Stacey L. Burgess
Legal Administrative Assistant

cc: Service List

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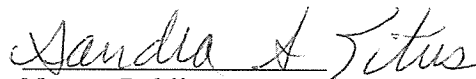
I hereby certify that the foregoing legal notice State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission DOCKET NO. DW 15-476 AQUARION WATER COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC Water Infrastructure and Conservation Adjustment 2016 Surcharge and 2016 and 2017 Project Approvals Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,857 Granting Petition January 7, 2016 ran 1 time in Portsmouth Herald on January 15, 2016 and one time in The Hampton Union on January 15, 2016 and one time in The Exeter News-Letter on January 15, 2016.


Barbara Laskey
Classified Advertising Representative

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM

Sworn to this 15 day of January, 2016

Before me,


Notary Public

SANDRA S. TITUS
Notary Public - New Hampshire
My Commission Expires October 16, 2018

as Deputy Police Chief for the combined York, Maine, Police Department from 1970-1995. Post-retirement, Jack loved fishing the streams and rivers of Maine and antiquing with his wife in the small shops and towns

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In the order *nisi*, the Commission found the 2015 projects prudent, and used and useful pursuant to RSA 378:28, and approved the proposed surcharge of 3.99% as just and reasonable pursuant to RSA 378:7, for effect for service rendered on and after January 1, 2016.

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By **Katlynn McCormack**
The Associated Press

CONCORD — A year after an American contractor was found dead in Saudi Arabia, his family doesn't buy a police account indicating he killed himself, and they fear the case has been closed.

Christopher Cramer of Milford was found dead Jan. 15, 2015, beneath the third-floor balcony of the Sahara Makarim Hotel in Tabuk. He had texted a friend earlier that day saying he thought something bad was going to happen to him and asking that the State Department

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Copies of the proposal specifications may be obtained from the Procurement Officer at (603) 474-5601 or on the Procurement Bidders may submit five (5) copies of the Proposal in plain paper.

#B2015-DPW-04, and addressed to the Office of the Procurement Officer, 99 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, NH 03874 by 2pm on January 14, 2016. Bidding will be closed.

The Town of Seabrook reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the bidder whose bid is most advantageous to the Town. Such acceptance or rejection to be in the best interest of the Town. Submit all information specified may

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