

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DW 16-804

AQUARION WATER COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.

STATUS UPDATE
AND
MOTION TO CLOSE DOCKET

NOW COMES, Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc. (“Aquarion”) and respectfully provides the following status update and requests the Commission indefinitely stay the October 5, 2016 status conference and close this docket. In support of this request, Aquarion states as follows:

1. As noted in the Commission’s docket book for this proceeding at Tab 1, on July 27, 2016, the Department of Environmental Services (“DES”) authorized Wiggin Farm Homeowners Association (“WFHA”) to interconnect, on a temporary basis, with Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire (“Aquarion”). This interconnection was due to an impairment to WFHA’s water supply system. See, Tab 1, Attachment, DES Letter dated July 27, 2016.
2. WFHA and Aquarion made the temporary interconnection on July 28, 2016. The interconnection was configured to provide supplemental water to residents on Wiggin Way if their demand exceeded WFHA’s well capacity.
3. By Order No. 25,938, dated August 22, 2016, the Commission approved, *nunc pro tunc*, the WFHA’s temporary interconnection with Aquarion as a special contract.

4. DES authorization for the temporary interconnection expired on September 15, 2016. *Id.* WFHA and Aquarion discontinued the temporary interconnection on September 15, 2016.

5. In the July 27, 2016 letter, the DES stated that if an impairment in WFHA's water system persisted past September 15, 2016, it was to "submit a schedule at which time the permanent connection will be completed."

6. Aquarion is unaware of whether an impairment continues to exist with WFHA's water supply. Aquarion is not presently involved with a schedule for "permanent connection" for WFHA.

7. Because it is uncertain as to whether Aquarion will be involved in any solution to any future impairment with WFHA's water supply, Aquarion avers that it would be premature for it to file a petition to expand its franchise to permanently serve the residents of Wiggin Way.

8. In light of the passage of the emergency and disconnection of the temporary interconnection, the activity and authority that necessitated the opening of this docket has concluded. Accordingly, there is no further relief requested in this docket and Aquarion requests that this docket be closed.

9. Aquarion recommends that if WFHA experiences an impairment in its water supply and either a temporary or permanent solution involves Aquarion, that Aquarion file a request for approval of that solution and that the Commission open a separate, properly-noticed docket, consistent with N.H. RSA 541-A:31, at that time.

WHEREFORE, Aquarion respectfully requests that the Commission:

- A. Stay the October 5, 2016 Status Conference;
- B. Grant this Motion to Close Docket; and
- C. Provide such other relief as is just and equitable.

Respectfully Submitted:

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OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.

By its Attorney,



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on this 30th day of September, 2016, a copy of this status update and motion has been sent by electronic mail to the Commission's Staff, the Office of the Consumer Advocate as well as the following municipal corporations within Aquarion's service territory: Town of Hampton, Town of North Hampton, North Hampton Water Commission, and Town of Rye. In addition, a copy of this motion has been sent by first class mail to the North Hampton Water Commission.



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