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February 2, 2017

Ms. Debra Howland
Executive Director & Secretary
NH PUC
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: DW-16-825 Affidavit of Publication
Summary of PUC Order No. 25,979

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to PUC Order 25,979 dated January 23, 2017, please find the enclosed Affidavit of Publication certifying that the above-referenced Summary of PUC Order 25,979 was published in the Eagle Tribune on January 31, 2017, a newspaper of general circulation.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours

Robert C. Levine
General Counsel

RCL/ja
Enclosure

cc: DW-16-825 Service List
HAWC
Stephen P. St. Cyr

January 31, 2017

AFFIDAVIT

**I, Katie Sullivan, hereby certify that I am employed by the
publishers of the Eagle Tribune,
and the following notice:**

**Hampstead Area Water Company Expansion
was advertised as a legal notice in the Eagle Tribune
on January 31, 2017**

Katie Sullivan

**Katie Sullivan
Legal Clerk**

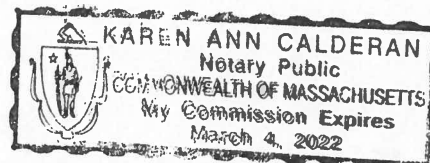
January 31, 2017

**State of Massachusetts
County of Essex**

**Then, personally appeared before me, Katie Sullivan,
and declared that the statements in the foregoing were true to
the best of her ability and belief.**

Karen Ann Calderan

Notary Public



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DW 16-825
HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC.
PETITION FOR FRANCHISE EXTENSION – WELLS VILLAGE, SAND-
DOWN
SUMMARY OF ORDER NISI NO. 25,979 APPROVING PETITION
JANUARY 23, 2017**

In Order Nisi No. 25,979, the Commission authorized Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC) to expand its franchise to serve a proposed 40 acre, 50 unit condominium development to be known as Wells Village in the Town of Sandown. The authority also includes financing approval and permission to charge HAWC's currently approved tariff rates in the new franchise area. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested or granted by the Commission, are posted on the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2016/16-825.html>.

HAWC's agreement with the developer, Kasher Corporation, and Lewis Builders Development, Inc. d/b/a Hampstead Area Water Services Company (the Service Company), works as follows: The Service Company will design and build the system in Wells Village. Kasher will pay the Service Company to install the pumping and treatment station, generator, controls and a treatment system. HAWC will pay Kasher \$50,000 at a rate of \$1,000 per customer hookup, with no interest, for acquisition of the system with a portion of the \$462,305 estimated value of the system treated as Contribution in Aid of Construction.

Kasher has granted a water rights deed and easement to HAWC for water rights in the proposed franchise area. HAWC also provided evidence of the Department of Environmental Service's (DES) conditional approval of the two Wells Village wells for domestic use. HAWC proposes to charge the Wells Village customers its existing tariffed rates. This includes a \$10 base charge per month and a consumption charge of \$5.02 per 100 cubic feet of water used.

The Commission found HAWC's request to provide water service to customers in the Wells Village development consistent with the public good as required by RSA 374:22 and RSA 374:26. The Commission also found that HAWC satisfied the DES suitability and availability requirements for water systems under RSA 374:22, III. With regard to HAWC's proposed financing, the Commission found the intended use and terms to be reasonable and consistent with the public good as required by RSA 369:1. In addition, the Commission found that HAWC's consolidated rates are just and reasonable for the Wells Village development and authorized HAWC to charge those rates to those customers on a service rendered basis as of the effective date of the order.

The Commission delayed effectiveness of its approval until February 13, 2017, to ensure that all interested parties receive notice of its determination and have an opportunity to request a hearing. All persons interested in responding to the Commission's approval may submit their comments or a written request for a hearing stating the reasons therefor no later than February 6, 2017. Any party interested in responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than February 10, 2017. After consideration of any comments or requests for a hearing, the Commission may extend the effective date of its approval. The Commission's approval shall become final and effective on February 13, 2017, unless the Commission orders otherwise.