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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
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Re: DW 16-851 Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.  
Tariff Revision  
Staff Recommendation for Approval

Dear Ms. Howland:

The purpose of this letter is to offer Staff's recommendation to the request of Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC) to adopt a new Tariff. HAWC provides water service to approximately 3,360 customers in twelve towns in southern New Hampshire. HAWC filed NHPUC No. 3 – Water on November 14, 2016 seeking permission to supersede NHPUC No. 2 – Water.

HAWC is complying with NH Puc 1603.05(a)(2) which states that when a utility revises more than 50% of the pages of a tariff, a new tariff should be submitted. The proposed changes correct typographical errors in the current tariff, remove language that is either not applicable or no longer applicable to water utilities, and supplement the information contained in the current tariff. The changes do not change any rates pursuant to RSA 378, Rates and Charges.

Staff of the Water, Legal, and Consumer Services and External Affairs divisions began working on an informal basis with HAWC on revisions to the tariff in July 2014. Many reiterations of the proposed tariff were discussed before Tariff No. 3 – Water was submitted formally. Tariff No. 3 – Water was reviewed by Staff for accuracy. No changes to rates were found during review of the proposed tariff changes. Revisions to correct typographical errors within proposed Tariff No. 3 were filed on March 6, 2017 and April 6, 2017.

Staff recommends approval of NHPUC No. 3 – Water as submitted by HAWC on April 6, 2017. The enhancements to the current tariff are worthwhile and beneficial to the customers of HAWC.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robyn J. Descoteau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'D'.

Robyn J. Descoteau  
Utility Analyst, Gas/Water Division

cc: Service list

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