

August 16, 2018

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

Docket No. DE 17-165
Abenaki Water Company--Rate Increase
Forest Cottages' Petition to Intervene

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am filing this letter on behalf of the Forest Cottages Association, which has approximately 54 homeowners. We are responding to the rate increase Docket No. DE 17-165. The members of the Association received letters from Abenaki Water Company with a Supplemental Order of Notice from the Public Utilities Commission saying that there is a hearing in Concord on August 23, 2018 about Abenaki's water rates. We have a financial interest in this case because Abenaki is proposing to increase the water rates for our homes, therefore we ask that you grant our intervention. We have concerns about the size and effective dates of the rate increases that Abenaki is requesting for temporary rates, permanent rates, and the step increase, as well as the way Abenaki has gone about its filings.

I will not be able to attend the August 23 hearing due to work commitments but it is possible that other members of the Association will attend. This request will be emailed to Abenaki Water Supply, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the entire service list. Finally, I ask that you waive the requirement that I send seven copies to the Commission.

Sincerely,



Paul D. Luongo
Treasurer
Forest Cottages Association