

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC

DW 18-

PETITION F FRANCHISE, APPROVAL OF CONTRACT, AND APPROVAL OF THE

APPLICATION OF EXISTING RATES

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF HAROLD MORSE

Q. Please state your name, address and position with Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.

A. My name is Harold Morse, of 54 Sawyer Avenue, Atkinson, NH and I am the President of Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc., (HAWC).

Q. Describe the overall history of HAWC?

A. HAWC is presently franchised in most areas of Hampstead and Atkinson, New Hampshire, and has franchised satellite systems in various towns in Rockingham County as per the Schedule A attached to the Petition.

Q. Why are you requesting a franchise expansion in Salem, New Hampshire?

A. We had been previously requested by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental services to provide water service to Fifty Eight (58) homes in the Tisdale Trailer Park in Salem, NH. The wells supplying these homes have been contaminated with e coli. HAWC had made a temporary connection for emergency service to the trailer park (see docket DW 18-128). The owner , Tisdale Trailer Park, Inc. (Tisdale), tried to rehabilitate the wells but has been unsuccessful in doing so. Tisdale has asked the Company to make the temporary connection permanent.

1 Q. Could you describe the new system extension that is being proposed and where it would be
2 located?

3 A. The trailer park abuts our existing Lancaster Farms System and the Company has constructed
4 the extension from that system to provide water service to these homes. The proposed Franchise
5 Expansion Area and connection diagram (collectively, Exhibit 2) is shown on the Town of Salem
6 Tax Map 123, Lot 8519. Tisdale has granted a Access and Maintenance Easement Deed as
7 shown on Exhibit 3. HAWC has also received an easement across one of the lots served in the
8 Lancaster System in order to install the line extension (Exhibit 4).

9 Q. Can you describe that easement agreement that the Company has made with Tisdale and the
10 lot owner?

11 Tisdale has agreed to pay for all costs of this easement as evidenced by a separate easement
12 contract between HAWC, the lot owners, Walter and Joan Andrews, and Tisdale. See Exhibit 4.
13 This is the same access utilized under docket 18-128 for Emergency Service. The proposed
14 Contract (Contract) between Tisdale, HAWSCO (an affiliated company), and HAWC is attached
15 as Exhibit 1. It reflects the cost of the line extension, hookup, and the metering. The Company
16 has notified the Town of Salem of its franchise request and has provided them with a letter to be
17 sent to the Commission acknowledging same. (Exhibits 5 and 6). The cost for this extension is
18 approximately \$120,000.00, to be paid for by Tisdale. The entire amount of the cost of the assets
19 will be contributed by Tisdale to HAWC as Contribution In Aid Of Construction (CIAC).

20 Q. Can to describe the extension line?

21 A. The company has agreed to extend its system at Lancaster Farm over a 2” metered line to a
22 meter pit on the existing trailer park premises. We will supply water at a bulk rate to the trailer
23 park water system for distribution to the residents. Each residential home will also have a meter

1 installed to monitor water loss. Tisdale will retained ownership of the water distribution system.

2 Q. What is the present tariff charged by the Company for a 2” meter?

3 A. The tariff for HAWC is a consolidated rate of \$100.00 base charge per month with a
4 consumption charge of \$6.11 per 100 cubic feet of water consumed.

5 Q. Are you requesting that this rate be extended to the new proposed area should the
6 Commission grant the proposed Franchise Areas?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Where does the consolidated rate for HAWC come from?

9 A. The rate was established under DW-17-118 by Order number 26,195.

10 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

11 A. Yes.

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