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Dianne Martin, Chair New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Docket No. DW 21-090

Verified Joint Petition for Approval of the Acquisition of Abenaki Water Company by Aquarion Company – Initial Brief

Dear Chair Martin:

On behalf of Aquarion Company and Abenaki Water Company (together, the "Joint Petitioners") enclosed is the Joint Petitioners' Initial Brief in this proceeding.¹ This Initial Brief is submitted pursuant to the schedule set forth in the Public Utilities Commission's October 27, 2021 Procedural Order.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Fossum Senior Regulatory Counsel

cc: DW 21-090 Service List

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In accordance with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission's Temporary Changes in Filing Requirements dated March 17, 2020, which suspends all rules requiring filing of paper copies until further notice, the Joint Petitioners are submitting this filing in electronic form only. The Joint Petitioners will file paper copies when the suspension is lifted, if requested.