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Ms. Dianne Martin
Chairwoman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: Docket No. DW 21-090
Abenaki Water Company, Inc. and Aquarion Company
Petition for Approval of Acquisition
Notice of Intent to Respond**

Dear Chairwoman Martin:

On July 15, 2021, Abenaki Water Company, Inc. (“Abenaki”) and Aquarion Company (“Aquarion”) (together the “Joint Petitioners”) submitted a letter captioned Report on Abenaki Rate Request. The letter appears to represent that a settlement agreement was reached between the Joint Petitioners and the Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”), pursuant to which Abenaki would withdraw its pending rate case in Docket No. DW 20-112 if the Commission were to determine that Aquarion’s proposed acquisition of Abenaki would have no adverse impacts. The OCA filed a letter the same day supporting the Joint Petitioners.

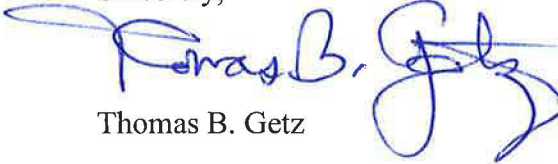
The Joint Petitioners reported a consultation with the OCA but they do not report consultations with customer intervenors or Department of Energy Staff (“Staff”). On July 16, 2021, the customer intervenors representing the Bow and Tioga Belmont water systems indicated that they would be agreeable to the Joint Petitioners’ proposal, subject to five additional conditions.

Aquarion consulted with Omni Mount Washington, Inc. (“Omni”) about an issue particular to Omni. Aquarion, however, did not consult with Omni about the withdrawal of the rate case in Docket No. DW 20-112, or any other “alternatives for resolution of this proceeding” as was posited in the Joint Petitioners’ July 1, 2021 letter requesting that the Commission extend the deadline for its determination under RSA 369:8, II.

Omni is preparing a response to the Joint Petitioners’ July 15, 2021 letter, which it intends to file on July 26, 2021. This notice is filed electronically only consistent with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission’s March 17, 2020 suspension of the requirement to file paper copies.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas B. Getz

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Enclosures