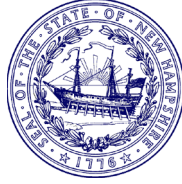


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January 24, 2024

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
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Re: DW 23-088 Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. and  
Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc. Request for Change in Rates – Hearing References

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On November 21, 2023, Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., Pennichuck East Utility, Inc., and Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc. (collectively, the Pennichuck Utilities) filed a joint petition with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to establish consolidated rates for water services among the three companies for effect January 1, 2025. On December 15, 2023, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) moved to dismiss the petition. On December 21, 2023, the Pennichuck Utilities objected to the Motion to Dismiss. On January 10, 2024, the Commission scheduled a hearing in this matter.

Pursuant to the hearing guidelines issued by the Commission in this proceeding, exhibits are to be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 24, 2024 (at least 5 business days prior to the date the hearing is scheduled).

While the DOE does not intend to file any exhibits for the January 31<sup>st</sup> hearing, the DOE submits this letter to inform the Commission that it does intend to reference the Department's Motion to Dismiss in this proceeding, as well as the Settlement Agreement filed on October 24, 2011 in DW 11-026 and the Order approving that agreement, Order No. 25,292 (November 23, 2011).

Consistent with current practice before the Commission, the DOE is making this filing only in electronic form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew C. Young".

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