Rate Case Expense Report - #2 – September 6, 2024 (expenses as of July 31, 2024)

Puc 1905.01(a)

By Commission Order 26,942, dated February 6, 2024, the Commission dismissed the Company's rate case and closed the docket on March 8, 2024. However, on March 8, 2024, the Commission approved amendment of the merger docket, DW 23-101, to include consideration of rates. To the extent that Puc 1905.01(a) applies relative to periodic rate case expense updates, PWW, PEU, and PAC hereby provide the below summary:

1. Puc 1905.01(a)(1)(a), The name of the service provider

N.H. Brown Law, PLLC (for legal services) Concentric Energy Advisors, Inc. (for cost of service study) Direct Mail of Maine, Inc. (DMM) Steven E. Patnaude, Licensed Court Reporter

2. Puc 1905.01(a)(1)(b), The procurement process

PWW, PEU, and PAC conducted a thorough, competitively bid selection process to secure outside consultant services for its rate case. PWW solicited proposals and interviewed multiple firms. The Companies selected N.H. Brown Law, PLLC for its legal services. The Companies selected Concentric Energy Advisors, Inc. for the cost of service study. The Companies selected DMM for its print and marketing services through a prior competitive search. The Commission retained Steven Patnaude for court reporting services

3. Puc 1905.01(a)(1)(c), The amount of the expense

NH Brown Law, \$58,205.57; Concentric \$48,558.96; DMM, \$39,439.02; Patnaude, \$681.75.

4. Puc 1905.01(a)(1)(d), A description of the charge or service rendered

Please see response to item #1 and #2 above.

5. Puc 1905.01(a)(2) A list of all services to be rendered on behalf of the utility in the full rate case by any vendor; and

There are no additional vendors than listed above.

6. Puc 1905.01(a)(3), The total estimated costs of each service.

NH Brown Law, PLLC legal fees are budgeted at approx. \$80,000. Concentric Energy Advisors, Inc. services are budgeted at approx. \$60,000. DMM's services are budgeted at approx. \$70,000. PWW, PEU, and PAC have budgeted \$7,000 for Commission's transcription costs.