

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DW 24-071

PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.

Petition for Approval of Special Contract with Tyngsborough Water District

Prehearing Order

On August 6, 2024, the Commission held a prehearing conference in this matter pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.15, which was attended by representatives of: Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW) and the Department of Energy (DOE). During the prehearing conference, the Commission addressed matters that included the following:

1. Sufficiency of Notice

PWW, as ordered by the Commission's June 4, 2024 Orders of Notice, filed a timely affidavit of publication with the Commission on June 5, 2024, attesting to the fact that PWW published the Orders of Notice on its website on June 4, 2024.

2. Requests to Intervene

No requests to intervene were filed with the Commission as of the date of the prehearing conference.

3. Clarification of Issues Presented

PWW provided a summary presentation of the proposed special contract. PWW noted that the proposed contract is the second special contract with Tyngsborough Water District (Tyngsborough). The terms of the contract were signed by both PWW and the Board of Water Commissioners for Tyngsborough in May 2024. *See* Attachment DLW-1 at 11. The special contract brings yearly revenue stability to PWW and makes Tyngsborough its fourth largest customer. PWW anticipates that after

review, the parties will agree on terms of a settlement and no formal hearing will be necessary in this proceeding. Although in early stages of discovery, the DOE agreed that this matter could be dispositioned by an order *nisi*.

4. Discovery

The DOE indicated to the Commission at the prehearing conference that it had propounded its first set of data request on PWW.

5. Pending Motions

The DOE indicated at the prehearing conference that they had no objections to PWW's motion for protective treatment filed for material submitted in connection with this proceeding that relate to a live workbook of the cost-of-service study conducted by Raftelis Financial Consultants filed by PWW with its May 6, 2024 petition. The Commission will issue an Order dispositioning the motion at the time of the final order in this matter.

6. Procedural Schedule

On June 20, 2024 the Commission approved the following procedural schedule:

07/18/24 – Data Requests – Set 1
08/01/24 – Responses – Set 1
08/06/24 – Pre-hearing Conference @ 9:00 and Technical Session thereafter
08/15/24 – Data Requests – Set 2
08/29/24 – Responses – Set 2
09/17/24 – Technical Session: 10:00 – 12:00 (Virtual)
09/24/24 – Data Requests – Set 3
10/01/24 – Responses – Set 3
11/05/24 – File Settlement or DOE Report for Commission approval by order *nisi*.

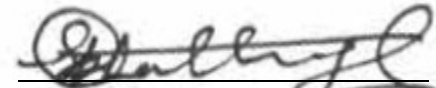
7. Final Hearing Date(s) and Amount of Time Required

The parties reiterated that pursuant to RSA 374:26 they do not anticipate a final hearing will be necessary in this matter. However, if a hearing is necessary, it will be no more than a half day proceeding.

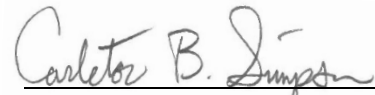
So ordered, this sixth day of August, 2024.



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