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DW 19-131, Omni Mount Washington Hotel, LLC Re:

Complaint Against Abenaki Water Company, Inc.

Procedural Schedule; Petition to Intervene filed by Bretton Woods Property Owners

Association

To the Parties:

On January 6, 2020, the Commission held a duly noticed prehearing conference in the abovereferenced matter. Appearances were entered by Omni Mount Washington Hotel, LLC (Omni), Abenaki Water Company, Inc. (Abenaki), and Commission Staff (Staff). The Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), which filed a letter of participation, was unable to attend the prehearing conference. The Commission took the oral petition to intervene by Bretton Woods Property Owners Association (BWPOA) under advisement.

Following the prehearing conference, Omni, Abenaki, BWPOA, and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule, which Staff submitted to the Commission by letter dated January 14, 2020:

Set # 1 of Data Requests Responses to Set #1 Set # 2 of Data Requests Responses to Set # 2 Technical Session¹

Staff Report on Technical Session/

Further Proposed Procedural Schedule

February 3, 2020 February 18, 2020 March 9, 2020 March 23, 2020

April 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

April 16, 2020

The OCA assented to the proposed procedural schedule. After the technical session, Abenaki agreed to the following additional deadline:

Detailed Statement by Abenaki

January 24, 2020

Any technical session held in a Commission proceeding may potentially involve settlement discussions, which will be restricted to participation by parties only and must be treated as confidential and not disclosed, consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.20(a).

The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and, therefore, has approved it. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this secretarial letter as its prehearing order.

On January 16, 2020, BWPOA filed a petition to intervene, asserting that its members, who are residential customers of Abenaki, could be affected by this proceeding. BWPOA also appeared to request intervention on behalf of "Forest Cottages," but did not state to what "Forest Cottages" refers or whether BWPOA is authorized to represent it.

Abenaki filed a partial objection to BWPOA's petition to intervene. Abenaki objected to BWPOA's participation in this proceeding as a matter of right. RSA 541-A:32, I. Omni did not object to BWPOA's permissible intervention as long as BWPOA was limited to the issues raised in Omni's complaint. RSA 541-A:32, II.

The Commission has granted BWPOA's request to intervene, finding that the standard for intervention in RSA 541-A:32 has been met. *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17. BWPOA shall comply with the foregoing procedural schedule and will be limited to the issues raised by Omni.

Sincerely,

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