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July 6, 2020

Re: DW 17-165, Abenaki Water Company, Inc.--Rosebrook Water System

Request for Change in Rates

Rescheduling Hearing to July 16, 2020

To the Parties:

On June 15, 2020, as required by the secretarial letter dated June 1, 2020, Commission Staff (Staff), filed a report notifying the Commission that the parties in this matter, Abenaki Water Company, Inc. (Abenaki), Omni Mount Washington, LLC (Omni), the Bretton Woods Property Owners Association, and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) are available on July 16, 2020 for a hearing on Abenaki's motion to extend the Step II filing deadline (Step II hearing). The hearing was previously postponed from June 3, 2020 at the request of the OCA.

In its report, Staff stated that the OCA and Omni would prefer the hearing to be rescheduled sometime in the fall, when it is believed that the Commission will resume in-person hearings. Staff noted that the OCA has reserved the right to argue that a remote hearing would not comply with the requirements of due process. On June 16, 2020, Abenaki filed a letter stating its objection to delaying the hearing until it can be held in person. Abenaki maintained that a delay in conducting the Step II hearing will prejudice Abenaki by, among other things, delaying its ability to obtain the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' (NHDES) approval of its plans to address the deficiency noted by the NHDES in the Sanitary Survey.

After reviewing the parties' positions, the Commission has decided to reschedule the Step II hearing to Thursday, July 16, 2020, starting at 9:00 a.m. The July 16, 2020 hearing will be conducted in accordance with the "Remote Hearing Guidelines" contained in the secretarial letter dated April 6, 2020, with all submissions being made no later than 4:30 p.m., at least 2 business days prior to the date of the hearing.

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