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Matthew J. Fossum, Esq., Senior Regulatory Counsel Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc. 780 N. Commercial Street, P.O. Box 330 Manchester, NH 03105-0330

Re: DW 20-184, Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc.

Request for Change in Rates

Request for Waiver of Puc 1604.01

Dear Mr. Fossum:

On November 18, 2020, Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc. (the Company) filed a notice of intent to file rate schedules, along with a request to waive certain filing requirements contained in New Hampshire Administrative Rule Puc 1604.01. Commission Staff (Staff) filed a recommendation on November 23, 2020, in which Staff recommended that the Commission deny the Company's waiver request.

The Company requested a waiver of the provisions of Puc 1604.01(a), which require the following information to be filed as part of a full rate case: annual reports and statistical supplements, Puc 1604.01(a)(2); Securities and Exchange Commission 10K and 10Q forms, Puc 1604.01(a)(10); lists of the amount of voting stock, Puc 1604.01(a)(16); and the amount of assets and costs allocated to non-utility operations and justification for the allocations, Puc 1604.01(a)(18). It stated that a waiver of these requirements would serve the public interest, because they do not apply to the Company.

Staff asserted that the public interest would be better served if the Company simply indicated in its full rate case filing why certain information required by Puc 1604.01(a) was not being provided. According to Staff, doing so would ensure that all relevant information is contained in one location, which would make it easier to review. Staff noted that the Commission has ruled on other requests to waive Puc 1604.01 filing requirements by requiring the insertion of a document in the rate filing stating why the information was not provided and/or why a particular requirement did not apply.

The Commission has reviewed the Company's request for a waiver of certain requirements of Puc 1604.01(a) and Staff's recommendation. The Commission is unable to find that waiving these requirements of Puc 1604.01(a) would serve the public interest and would not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of the matters before the Commission. *See* Puc 201.05. Accordingly, the Company's request to waive the requirements of Puc 1604.01(a) has been denied. To the extent the Company is unable to comply with a requirement of Puc 1604.01(a), it shall insert a document in its rate filing stating why the information was not provided and/or why the specific requirement does not apply.

Sincerely,

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