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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: Petition of Pennichuck East Utility Inc. for Approval of
Proposed 2021 Qualified Capital Project Annual
Adjustment Charge
Docket DW 21-022**

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Pennichuck East Utility, Inc., (PEU) in conjunction with the New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) have developed a proposed procedural schedule in the above-referenced matter in compliance with the Commission's Procedural Order dated December 3, 2021. In order to allow time for the completion of a settlement between the Company and the Department in this case, the parties propose the filing of a Settlement Agreement for the Commission's consideration by February 28, 2022. The procedural order requested that the schedule provide for a hearing on the merits; however, previously the Commission has ruled on the annual QCPAC surcharge by Order Nisi¹. If, after the submission of the proposed Settlement Agreement on February 28, 2022, the Commission decides to not issue an Order Nisi approving the proposed surcharge, then PEU and the Department respectfully request that the Commission adopt the following proposed procedural schedule which provides for the filing of a Settlement Agreement, and a hearing on the merits of the settlement. There are no intervenors or other participants in this docket at this time.

The Participants agree to the following alternative procedural schedule:

File Settlement	February 28, 2022
Hearing	March 15, 2022 at [TBD]

Since the PEU 2021 QCPAC requires that a final order has been issued in the pending rate case in DW 20-156, the Parties anticipate filing a settlement in late February, with a

¹ See *Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.*, Order 26,313, (Dec. 6, 2019) at 1, 10.

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subsequent hearing on the merits if necessary.

This filing is made electronically in accordance with the Secretarial Letter dated March 17, 2020. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.

By its Attorneys,
Rath, Young and Pignatelli, P.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Steinkrauss', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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