

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

Date: October 3, 2017

TO: Commissioners

FROM: F. Anne Ross, Hearing Examiner

RE: DW 17-103 West Swanzey Water Company
Petition for Change in Rates

HEARING EXAMINER'S REPORT

At your request, I presided over the September 27, 2017 prehearing conference in the above referenced case.

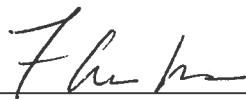
On August 4, 2017, the Commission issued Order No. 26,046 suspending the tariff and scheduling a prehearing conference on September 27, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

Appearances: Stephen P. St. Cyr for West Swanzey Water Company
John S. Clifford, Esq. for Commission Staff

Positions: The Company described its request for a rate increase and Staff took no position indicating that it would review and filing and conduct discovery prior to taking any position on the requested rate increase. Following the prehearing conference the Company and Staff met in a technical session. There were no intervenors.

Recommendations:

I recommend that the Commission approve the procedural schedule proposed by Staff following the technical session and filed with the Commission by letter on September 27, 2017.

By 

F. Anne Ross, Hearing Examiner

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October 3, 2017

Re: DW 17-103, West Swanzey Water Company
Petition for a Change in Rates
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On September 27, 2017, the Commission held a duly noticed prehearing conference in the above referenced matter. The Commission's General Counsel, F. Anne Ross, Esq., presided as Hearings Examiner and submitted a report with recommendations on October 3, 2017. Appearances were entered by Stephen P. St. Cyr representing West Swanzey Water Company (Swanzey) and Commission Staff (Staff). The Office of Consumer Advocate has a statutory right to intervene in the proceeding but chose not to at this time. There were no motions to intervene.

Based on the representations contained in the Hearing Examiner's Report, the Commission has adopted the Hearings Examiner's recommendations regarding the procedural schedule. Following the prehearing conference, parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule, which Staff submitted to the Commission by letter dated September 27, 2017:

Discovery Requests	September 29, 2017
Responses to Discovery Requests	October 11, 2017
Technical Session	November 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
Responses to Tech Session Discovery	November 8, 2017
Settlement Agreement	November 29, 2017
Hearing on the Merits	December 6, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Service List/Docket File