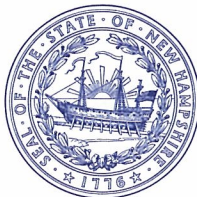


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September 30, 2008

Re: DW 08-065, Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.  
Rate Proceeding  
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On September 3, 2008, a duly noticed Prehearing Conference was held in the above referenced proceeding. Appearances at the Prehearing Conference were entered by representatives of Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC), the Office of the Consumer Advocate (participating as a full statutory party), and Commission Staff. There were no pending motions to intervene.

Following the Prehearing Conference, the parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon a proposed procedural schedule which was submitted to the Commission by letter from Staff dated September 3, 2008. On September 5, 2008, Staff filed a request to modify the proposed hearing date on temporary rates to December 3, 2008 representing in its request that all parties agreed to the new hearing date.

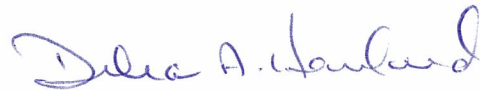
The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and therefore has approved the following procedural schedule:

HAWC Filing for Temporary Rates	09/18/08
Temporary Rate Data Request to Company	10/09/08
Data Responses from Company	10/23/08
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	11/04/08 at 1:00 p.m.
Temporary Rate Testimony	11/20/08
Hearing on Temporary Rates	12/03/08 at 10:00 a.m.
Permanent Rate Data Requests to Company	01/14/09
Data Responses from Company	02/04/09
Permanent Rate Data Requests to Company	02/25/09
Data Responses from Company	03/11/09
Technical Session	03/18/09 at 9:00 a.m.
Staff/Intervenor Testimony	04/15/09

Data Requests on Testimony	04/23/09
Responses to Data Requests on Testimony	04/30/09
Settlement Conference	05/07/09 at 9:00 a.m.
File Settlement/Rebuttal Testimony	05/21/09
Hearing on the Merits	05/28/09 at 10:00 a.m.

Consistent with its decision in Docket No. DW 08-088, HAWC's petition for financing, the Commission has deferred ruling on the Office of the Consumer Advocate's August 7, 2008 motion to consolidate the issue of HAWC's request for a step increase with the instant proceeding, pending receipt of the information that was requested of the Department of Environmental Services by Staff on September 4, 2008. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this Secretarial Letter as its prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,



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