

**BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DW 08-088**

**HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC.**

**Petition for Authority to Borrow Long Term Debt, to Construct Water System Interconnection, Approval to Extend Franchise Area and for Step Rate Increase**

**OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S MOTION TO CORRECT**  
**ORDER NO. 24,937**

On February 6, 2009, the Commission issued Order No. 24,937 (Order), approving a stipulation filed by the Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC), the Staff of the Commission (Staff) and the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA). The OCA seeks clarification of the Commission's summary of the stipulation as follows.

In the Order, the Commission states:

Staff, HAWC, **and OCA** agree and recommend that:

- a. The step adjustment be reconciled with the Commission's final revenue requirement determination in the general rate case such that there will be no double recovery of any costs.
- b. The additional revenues to be received from this step adjustment to the rate increase be based only on the interconnection project and if HAWC is able to connect new customers as a result of the interconnection, that the pro forma revenues from those new customers be considered in the calculation of the step adjustment.
- c. The rate increase be effective on a service rendered basis on or after the date on which the relevant capital additions first provide service to the public.
- d. The rate increase be calculated based upon the methodology set forth in Attachment A to the agreement, using the cost of debt capital for the financing for the particular capital improvements that are the subject of the increase.
- e. The rate increase be contingent upon review and approval by the Commission of the costs actually incurred for the interconnection project to confirm that such costs are consistent with HAWC's petition or that any costs in excess thereof were prudently incurred.

Order at p. 9, paragraph 4 (emphasis added). However, the OCA took no position on these terms of the settlement agreement, and reserved its rights to take a position if HAWC renews its request for a step adjustment outside of the pending general rate case. See Stipulation at pp. 6-7.

Wherefore, the OCA requests the Commission to correct the Order accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing motion was forwarded this day to the parties by electronic mail.

February 10, 2009

  
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