

PUC Testimony Questions DW 08-088 HAWC

1. Prior to the DES application filing did HAWC request a hearing from the Atkinson Selectmen regarding the desire to expand their franchise within the town?
2. If not, why not?
3. Has HAWC made an application to the Atkinson Planning Board for site approval prior to filing an application with DES and/or PUC?
4. If not, why not?
5. In September 2007 the residents of Atkinson passed an ordinance against the sale or transport of Atkinson water from the town. Why did HAWC disregard the ordinance and apply for the interconnection in 2008?
6. In the DES application, a need was given for a large water withdrawal. A major reason for the withdrawal was the future connection of 380 new customers. The 380 projected customers is an inaccurate estimate which appears to have no validity. In 2007 and 6 months in 2008 there was only a net increase of 6 customers while the projected amount of new customers were 65 which misrepresents the projected amount by 90%. Today's economic environment does not give much credence to future new hookups of 50 per year. Please state the current need for the large water withdrawal?
7. What was your water loss rate in Atkinson for 2005 and 2006?
8. For 2007 HAWC's water loss rate is more than 100% over DES maximum allowed rate. Has HAWC annually informed DES of the high water loss?
9. Please detail the specific efforts HAWC has conducted to correct the water loss in order to comply with DES's 15% formula.

10. The franchise area consists of 1,185 acres. To grant a franchise encumbering 1,185 acres would not be in the public good. Has HAWC received or sort approval from the landowners whose land will be encumbered?

11. Since HAWC has already demonstrated propensity for a large water loss in conducting their business in the town of Atkinson; to consider giving HAWC additional large withdrawal and interconnecting franchise would not be in the public good. What is HAWC willing to do to substantially reduce the large water loss history?

12. The planning board of Atkinson was not given the opportunity for reasonable due diligence on this application since HAWC never applied for a hearing. The planning board has local jurisdiction over Atkinson water supply and quality. In by passing the planning board which HAWC's President is a member demonstrates the lack of interest this business has towards the residents of Atkinson and its commitment for the health and stability of our wells and water supply. Is HAWC willing to present the site and franchise application to the planning board for its review?