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VIA EMAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director & Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429



Re: DE 09-035, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Petition for Permanent Rate Increase, Distribution Service Rates; City of Manchester Department of Public Works.

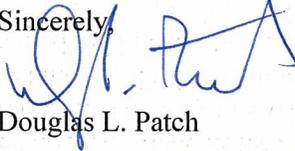
Dear Ms. Howland:

I am submitting this letter on behalf of the City of Manchester, New Hampshire Department of Public Works, an intervenor in the above-captioned docket. Manchester DPW appreciates the Commission's recent granting of its petition to intervene. The City met with the parties to this docket during a technical session on March 3 and discussed the possibility of submitting prefiled testimony prior to the hearing in April. When the Commission granted the intervention it said: "Due to the lateness of the intervention request, however, the City must conform to the procedural schedule as it currently exists in order that it not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding." The City suggested submitting prefiled testimony because we believed that it would provide the Commission and the parties with a clear explanation, prior to the hearing, of the City's issues in this docket. The parties felt otherwise, arguing that doing so would impair the proceeding.

I am writing to seek direction from the Commission on how best to provide the Commission with an explanation of the issues Manchester DPW is concerned about. The City is willing to submit prefiled testimony or it could make a public statement during the April hearing. It also wants to reserve the right to conduct appropriate cross examination and offer a closing statement. We do not want to impair the proceeding, but we would appreciate the opportunity for a representative of the Manchester DPW to address the Commission on issues of concern. We are therefore requesting direction from the Commission on how best to do that.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Douglas L. Patch

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