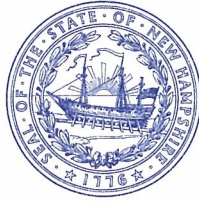


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RE: DW 10-091 Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. – Rate Case  
Rate Case Expense Filing



Dear Ms. Howland:

The Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission (Order No. 25,230) allows for the Staff to make a recommendation to the Commission regarding recovery of the Company's rate case expenses and for the Office of the Consumer Advocate to file a response to the Company's rate case expense filing. On June 20, 2011, Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. filed its "rate case expense [accounting] and supporting documentation" with Mark Naylor and Marcia Thunberg. The Commission Staff sent the Company data requests related to the rate case expense filing on July 18. The OCA also has data requests for the Company and intends to send them by the end of the day tomorrow.

By this letter, because there is no procedural schedule for the review of the rate case expense filing, I ask the Commission to wait to make a determination on the Company's rate case expense filing until after it receives the OCA's response to that filing. To allow for the Company's responses to the OCA's data requests, see Puc 203.09 (f), as well as some time for the OCA to review those responses and draft its response, I respectfully request that the Commission allow the OCA until at least August 5 to file its response to the Company's rate case expense filing.

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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