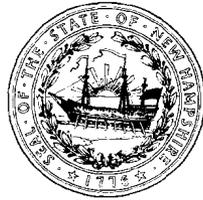


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Re: DW 04-048, City of Nashua
Petition for Valuation
Submission of Responses

To the Parties:

On October 23, 2006, Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW) filed a pleading in this proceeding captioned "Stipulation for Conduct of View." The stipulation, entered into by PWW and the City of Nashua, sets forth an agreed-upon list of eight locations to be visited by the commissioners as part of a view to be conducted pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.28. The stipulation also recited the two parties' agreement on a procedure to be employed in connection with the view.

In Order No. 24,457 (April 22, 2005), the Commission approved a procedural schedule that explicitly contemplated such a view but did not explain the basis or the necessity for such an exercise. The schedule has been revised several times subsequent to Order No. 24,457; the current schedule contemplates the view occurring in December 2006, prior to the merits hearing in this docket scheduled for January 2007.

According to the stipulation, the Commission's general counsel contacted Nashua and PWW in August of 2006 and asked them to come to some understanding as to the necessity for a view as well as its contents. The stipulation further recites that the general counsel conducted a conference on September 26, 2006 for the purpose of discussing the subject.

Nashua and PWW report that, as the result of the conference and subsequent discussions between them, they have agreed upon the parameters stated in the stipulation. However, the stipulation makes clear that "Nashua and Pennichuck disagree as to the necessity for or benefit of a view."

The Commission has determined that it will not act on this filing until all parties have had an opportunity to submit a response. The parties are advised that deadline for the submission of such responses is November 14, 2006.

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Among the issues the Commission will consider in reviewing the stipulation are whether a view is necessary in the circumstances of this case and, if so, what procedures will best assure that any view comports with the requirements of due process and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings. The stipulation proposes an itinerary of eight distinct locations in at least three communities, all to be visited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and "about 3:00 p.m." Proponents of this itinerary should provide details about the logistical feasibility of such an itinerary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "H".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary