HAMPSTEAD AREA

54 SAWYER AVENUE, ATKINSON, NH 03811

TEL: 603.362.4299 FAX: 603.362.4936 www.hampsteadwater.com

September 5, 2017

Debra Howland Executive Director & Secretary Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, N. H. 03301-2429

Re: Temporary Rate Filing - Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.

Dear Ms. Howland:

In the event that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission suspends the Company's request for an increase in permanent rates, Hampstead Area Water Company ("HAWC" or "Company") respectfully requests temporary rates. In support of the request for temporary rates, enclosed are the original and six copies of the Company's temporary rate filing in DW 17-118 along with a computer disk containing a pdf copy of the enclosed documents. Additionally, a copy has been sent to the Consumer Advocate.

The temporary rate filing includes the following:

- (1) Cover letter
- (2) Report of proposed changes
- (3) Proposed Tariff Rate Page
- (4) Direct testimony of Stephen P. St. Cyr
- (5) Temporary Rate Exhibits (including adjustments)
- (6) An attestation by John Sullivan regarding the rate filing being an accurate reflection of the Company's books

The Company believes that it has met the temporary rate filing requirements. It is our understanding that the Commissioners will schedule a prehearing conference to consider motions for intervention and a procedural schedule. The Company anticipates being able to discuss and resolve any issues that may arise during the proceedings. If the Commissioners and/or its Staff have any questions, please contact me at 603-362-5333.

Very truly yours, Robert C. Levine, Esq. General Counsel

RCL/ja cc: HAWC Stephen P. St. Cyr