STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.

Petition for Approval of Special Contract with Anheuser-Busch, LLC Order Nisi Accepting Reconciliation of Special Contract Rates

November 18, 2022

ORDER NO. 26,731

In this order *nisi*, the Commission accepts the reconciliation of the difference in rates approved and charged under the Fourth Special Contract and the Fifth Special Contract between Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW) and Anheuser-Busch, LLC (AB).

PWW submitted its petition for approval of a proposed Fifth Special Contract with AB on June 4, 2021. On July 7, 2021, the Commission issued Order No. 26,496 approving an extension of the existing Fourth Special Contract until the resolution of the current proceeding. On June 14, 2022, PWW submitted a settlement agreement reached with the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE), with the assent of Anheuser-Busch, LLC (AB), regarding the terms of the Fifth Special Contract. The Commission approved the settlement agreement and the Fifth Special Contract, as amended, on July 1, 2022, in Order No. 26,647. That order required PWW to file a reconciliation of the difference in rates between the temporarily extended Fourth Contract and the approved Fifth Special Contract.

PWW filed an initial reconciliation calculation on July 25, 2022, followed by a supplemental reconciliation filed on August 15, 2022, with a resulting credit to AB of (\$29,828.28). On August 19, 2022, the DOE filed its review of PWW's reconciliation,

noting that it had issued data requests to which PWW provided responses. The DOE concluded that PWW's calculation of the reconciled difference between the bills computed under the Fourth Contract and the Fifth Contract during the period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, was properly determined.

The Commission has reviewed the filings submitted by PWW and the DOE and accepts the reconciliation calculation that PWW has provided in the amount of a credit to Anheuser-Busch of (\$29,828.28).

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED *NISI*, that subject to the effective date below, PWW's reconciliation of the rates under its Fourth and Fifth Special Contracts with Anheuser-Busch, LLC is accepted; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that PWW is authorized to credit Anheuser-Busch, LLC in the amount of (\$29,828.28), as submitted in its supplemental reconciliation calculation; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that PWW shall cause a copy of this order to be published once in a statewide newspaper of general circulation or of circulation in those portions of the state where operations are conducted, such publication to be no later than November 28, 2022, and to be documented by affidavit filed with this office on or before December 16, 2022; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that all persons interested in responding to this order be notified that they may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing which states the reason and basis for a hearing no later than December 5, 2022, for the Commission's consideration; and it is

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FURTHER ORDERED, that any party interested in responding to such comments or request for hearing shall do so no later than December 12, 2022; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this order shall be effective December 19, 2022, unless the Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. fails to satisfy the publication obligation set forth above or the Commission provides otherwise in a supplemental order issued prior to the effective date.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this eighteenth day of November 2022.

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