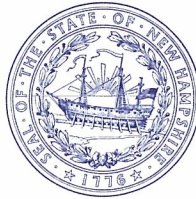


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Re: DW 08-052, Pittsfield Aqueduct Company Inc.  
Staff Recommendation on Permanent /Temporary Rate Recoupment

Dear Ms. Howland:

On December 21, 2009 Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc. filed a proposal to reconcile the difference between rates set at the temporary level and rates established at permanent level in Docket DW 08-052. The water systems covered by the temporary/permanent rate reconciliation are the Pittsfield Aqueduct system, Locke Lake in Center Barnstead, Birch Hill in North Conway, and Sunrise in Middleton. The proposed refund/recoupment period for the four systems was 18 months with the exception of Birch Hill with a recoupment period of 24 months. In a letter filed with the Commission on January 7, 2010, PAC submitted options for the time frames and credit amounts to its fire protection customers in Pittsfield ranging from 12 to 18 months. PAC however recommended that the refund period remain at the originally proposed 18 months. On January 14, 2010, PAC filed a letter with the Commission in which it stated that upon further review it would be more appropriate to modified its December 18, 200910 submission and proposed a one-time credit for those customers due a refund in the North Country systems (Locke Lake, Birch Hill and Sunrise Estates).

On January 28, 2010 the Town of Pittsfield filed a letter and suggested that its Public Fire Protection refund should be credited in one of two ways: either one initial credit of \$23,683.32 followed by 12 equal credits of \$3,947.22 each; or 12 equal credits of \$5,920.83. By electronic mail to the parties on January 26, PAC agreed to the 12 equal credits of \$5,920 of over a 12 month period. PAC has authorized Staff to represent to the Commission this change to the 12 month credit for public fire protection in Pittsfield.

The following schedule reflects an average monthly surcharge/credit for the Pittsfield and North Country systems. Individual surcharges or refunds will be calculated based on actual usage.

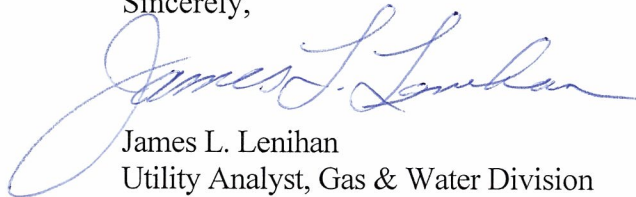
<b>Pittsfield</b>	<b>Total Recoupment</b>	<b>Number of Customers</b>	<b>Average Monthly Surcharge/Credit</b>	<b>Number of Months</b>
General Metered	\$73,062.08	637	\$6.37	18
Private Fire	(\$9,422.44)	11	(\$47.59)	18
Public Fire	(\$71,050.00)	1	(5,920.83)	12

**North Country**

Locke Lake	\$52,788.81	843	\$3.48	18
Birch Hill	\$121,177.04	209	\$24.16	24
Sunrise Estates	(\$3,908.74)	81	(\$2.68)	18

Staff has reviewed the information submitted by PAC and finds the request to be in accordance with Commission Order No. 25,051 and therefore recommends the proposed recoupment/refund amounts and recovery/refund periods be approved. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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