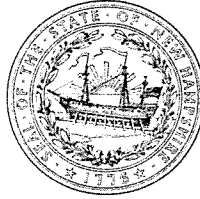


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July 30, 2008

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Re: DW 08-073, Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.
Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules
Request for Waiver

Dear Ms. Knowlton:

On June 23, 2008, you filed on behalf of Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW) rate filings in accordance with N.H. Code of Admin. Rules Puc 1603.03. Within that filing, PWW requested waiver of filing requirements contained in Puc 1604.01(a)(1), (12), (18), and (25). Among other things, you contend that the information that PWW would be required to produce to comply with these provisions is unnecessarily burdensome and duplicative in that the information is already on file with the Commission. PWW also requested a waiver of Puc 1203.02(c), Information to Customers, arguing that the cost of providing notice of the rate case filing through a mailing to each of PWW's 25,000 customers would significantly increase PWW's rate case expense. You propose to satisfy the intent of the rule by publishing display ads in several local newspapers.

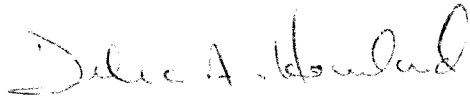
On July 16, 2008, Staff filed its recommendation that the Commission grant approval to the request for waiver of the filing requirements stating that, after reviewing the waiver request, it believes a waiver is reasonable. Staff objected, however, to a waiver of the customer notice provisions and recommended instead that the Commission waive the 30 day time frame established by Puc 1203.02(d) thereby allowing PWW to send individual notice to its customers in its next billing.

The request for waivers has been reviewed and the Commission has determined, pursuant to Puc 201.05(a), to grant waivers in full and in part as follows. The Commission will waive the filing requirements contained in Puc 1604.01(a)(1), (12), (18), and (25). However, in the event the Commission determines that the pertinent information is otherwise relevant, it retains the authority to terminate its waiver.

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In lieu of granting a waiver of Puc 1203.02(c), the Commission will waive the 30 day time limit contained in Puc 1203.02(d) to the extent required to allow PWW to provide individual notice to customers of the rate filing as a bill insert in the next billing cycle.

Sincerely,

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

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary

cc: Service list

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