STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.

DOCKET NO. DW 11-

<u>PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF SPECIAL CONTRACT</u> <u>WITH ANHEUSER-BUSCH INCORPORATED</u>

Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. ("PWW") hereby petitions the Public Utilities

Commission for authority, pursuant to RSA 378:18, to provide service to Anheuser-Busch,

Incorporated ("AB") pursuant to the terms of a special contract entered into by PWW and AB on

January 18, 2011. In support of this Petition, PWW states as follows:

- 1. PWW currently provides service to AB under the terms of a special contract approved by this Commission in its Order No. 24,441 in Docket DW 04-228 (the "Third Contract"). The Third Contract superseded a prior special contract between PWW and AB that was approved by this Commission in its Order No. 21,681 in Docket DR 95-0469 (the "Second Contract") when the Second Contract expired in 1995.
- 2. PWW and AB have entered into a fourth special contract (the "Fourth Contract") in light of Anheuser-Busch's termination of the Third Contract. The Fourth Contract is being submitted contemporaneously with this Petition and includes a Statement of Special Circumstances in accordance with N.H. Code of Admin. Rules Puc 1606.03(b).
- 3. Also accompanying this Petition is the prefiled testimony of Donald L. Ware, which discusses the history of the Company's special contracts with Anheuser-Busch, the events that led to the notice of termination of the Third Contract, the terms and conditions of the Fourth

Contract, and the special circumstances that make it just and consistent with the public interest to authorize PWW to provide service to AB on terms that depart from the terms of PWW's tariff on file with the Commission.

4. For the reasons set forth in the prefiled testimony of Mr. Ware and the Statement of Special Circumstances submitted with the Fourth Contract (both of which are hereby incorporated by reference), PWW believes and therefore avers that special circumstances exist which render such departure from the general schedules of PWW just and consistent with the public interest and that, therefore, the Fourth Contract should be approved and PWW should be authorized to provide service to AB in accordance with the terms of such contract.

WHEREFORE, Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission:

- A. Approve the Fourth Contract;
- B. Authorize PWW to provide service to AB in accordance with the terms of the Fourth Contract; and
 - C. Grant such other and further relief as may be just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.

By its Attorneys,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Petition has been forwarded this 21st day of January, 2011 to Meredith Hatfield, Esq., Consumer Advocate, and John Alexander, counsel for Anheuser-Busch, Incorporated.

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