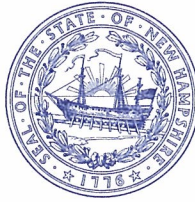


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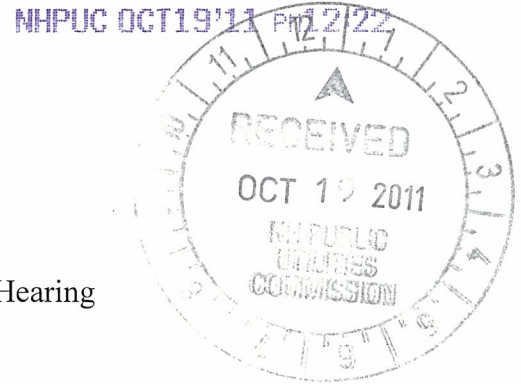
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RE: DW 11-026 Nashua and Pennichuck
Expedited Request for Permission to Excuse Witness from Hearing

Dear Ms. Howland:

Yesterday, the City of Nashua, New Hampshire filed a settlement agreement on behalf of itself, Pennichuck Corporation, Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., Pennichuck East Utility, Inc., Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc., the Staff of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, the Town of Milford, New Hampshire, the Merrimack Valley Regional Water District, Anheuser-Busch Incorporated and Fred Teeboom (the "Settling Parties"). The Settling Parties will present this settlement agreement at the hearing scheduled on October 25, 2011. Although the OCA is not a signatory to the settlement agreement, the OCA does not intend to contest it at the hearing. Consequently, the OCA seeks to have its expert witness, Scott J. Rubin, excused from appearing at the hearing. None of the parties oppose the OCA's request to excuse Mr. Rubin.

Because the hearing is scheduled for next week and Mr. Rubin would need to travel to New Hampshire for the hearing, the OCA seeks an expedited determination from the Commission.

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "REP Hollenberg".

Rorie E.P. Hollenberg
Assistant Consumer Advocate

cc: Service List via electronic mail