

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.
WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONSERVATION ADJUSTMENT**

DOCKET NO. DW 13-358

MOTION TO AMEND WICA TARIFF

Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (the “Company”) asks the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) to approve changes to the Company’s Water Infrastructure and Conservation Adjustment (WICA) tariff to (1) better coordinate the timing of the annual filing and effective dates with the availability of year-end data and (2) clarify customer notification of the annual WICA filings. In support thereof, the Company states as follows:

1. On June 9, 2011, the Commission approved the WICA mechanism as a pilot program. See Docket No. DW 10-091, Order No. 25,230, issued June 9, 2011. Among other things, the WICA settlement agreement and order approving it provided that the Company would file annually a three-year capital budget for proposed WICA-eligible projects no later than December 31, for effect on a service-rendered basis on the April 1 following the filing. In addition, the settlement agreement approved by the Commission provided for notice to customers at least thirty days in advance of WICA filings.

2. On December 19, 2012, the Company filed its first annual proposed list of WICA projects for Commission approval. On May 15, 2013, the Commission approved the Company’s 2013 projects and preliminarily approved its 2014 projects. See Docket No. DW 12-359, Order 25,510. On June 14, 2013, the Company filed WICA tariff pages in compliance with the order.

3. On December 23, 2013, the Company filed its second annual proposed list of WICA projects, which initiated Docket No. DW 13-358. That filing was intended to cover Commission-approved WICA projects constructed and placed in service, and used and useful, during the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. However, because the filing was due by December 31, 2013, the Company did not have all final invoices and costs for the year available and, therefore, provided estimates or projections of the actual project costs for the month of December. The estimates were subsequently updated to actuals in the discovery process.

4. In order to provide for a more efficient process in future proceedings, the Company is requesting that the annual submission date be pushed back to January 31. The additional month will allow time for the annual filing to include actual costs for the month of December and should obviate updates. The additional month will also allow review of the City of Nashua's and surrounding towns' first drafts of upcoming fiscal year Capital Expenditure programs. The Company is also requesting that the annual effective date be pushed back to May 1 in order to maintain the same timeframe for Commission review contemplated in the settlement agreement and the order approving the WICA mechanism.

5. Finally, the Company is requesting to incorporate language in the tariff clarifying the timing and manner of customer notice. The WICA settlement agreement provided for notice to customers thirty days in advance of WICA filings, and the current tariff provides for notice of WICA changes by a bill insert with the first bill following any change. The Company proposes that, in addition to the notice following any changes, the tariff be amended to state that notice will be provided to customers thirty days in advance of a WICA filing by placing a message on customer bills informing them of the filing.

6. For the reasons set forth above, the Company proposes that the Commission require the filing of a compliance tariff in the nature of the attached draft revised tariff pages 48 to 50, which reflect an annual submission date of January 31, an effective date of May 1, and notice to customers through a bill insert thirty days in advance of filing. The draft tariff pages also include a placeholder for inserting the WICA surcharge ultimately approved by the Commission.

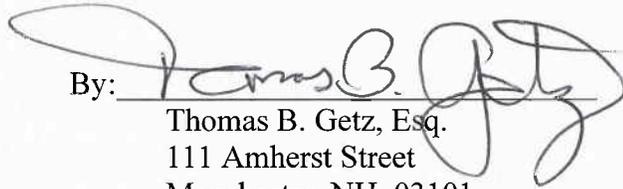
Respectfully submitted,

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