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December 15, 2017

Ms. Debra Howland Executive Director & Secretary Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

Subject: Docket No. 15-199: Permanent and Temporary Rate Proceeding

Dear Ms. Howland:

Abenaki Water Company (AWC) is requesting an extension in regards to the subject docket pertaining to a one-time adjustment in rates that may be made to the Belmont sewer rates. Within the order of the docket, it was stipulated that such an adjustment must be made no later than December 31, 2017. AWC has requested from the City of Laconia (City) what the increase in rates will be in 2018. The City has communicated to AWC that an increase is scheduled to take place in 2018, however the amount of the increase will not be determined prior to December 31, 2017. The City has expressed that they currently are working with a consulting company to determine what an appropriate adjustment will be.

AWC believes that it has taken the necessary steps to quantify such an increase, however at this time AWC can not recommend an adjustment to the PUC for approval. Due to circumstances beyond AWC's control, AWC respectfully requests an extension from the PUC on the order granted within Docket No. 15-199 for a one-time adjustment to the Belmont sewer rates to such a time that the adjustment can be quantified by the City of Laconia.

Very truly yours,

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