The State of New Hampshire

Public Utilities Commission

DW 16-123

Re: Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc.

TOWN OF HAMPTON'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

NOW COMES the Town of Hampton in the above entitled matter and petitions the Commission to allow it to intervene in these proceedings as a party, and in support of said petition says as follows:

- The Town of Hampton has approximately 15,000 year round residents and lies at the heart of the Seacoast region of New Hampshire.
- The population of Hampton in the summer months rises dramatically to the point where Hampton becomes one of the largest municipalities population-wise in the State.
- 3. The vast majority of the residents in Hampton receive their water service from Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc. (hereinafter, "Aquarion").
- 4. The Town of Hampton contains about three quarters of the residential customers who are served by Aquarion, and the Town of Hampton's Fire Department utilizes more than half of the public fire hydrants for which Aquarion insures the availability of water.
- 5. The Petition for Monthly Billing filed herein on January 24, 2016 represents a dramatic change in the manner by which Hampton customers have historically been billed by this public utility and its predicessors.

- 6. The Petitioner indicates that its outcome will have an effect upon the Company's next rate case.
- The Town of Hampton has participated in all the recent rate cases before this Commission that have been filed by Aquarion.

WHEREFORE, the Town of Hampton requests that the Commission:

- A. Allow the Town of Hampton to intervene as a party in this matter; and
- B. Grant such other and further relief as may be just.

Respectfully submitted Town of Hampton

By its Town Attorney

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this 11th day of February, 2016 e-mailed the foregoing Petition to Intervene to the Petitioner's Counsel, Marcia A. Brown, in this matter and to the Office of the Consumer Advocate and to the service list.

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