

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DW 16-220

PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.

**Water Infrastructure and Conservation Adjustment
2016-18 Capital Projects and 2016 Surcharge**

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,896 Granting Petition

May 9, 2016

In an order *nisi* issued today, the Commission approved Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.'s (PWW's), 2016 Water Infrastructure and Conservation Adjustment (WICA) surcharge of 3.03% for bills-rendered on and after June 1, 2016, and PWW's schedule of proposed WICA projects for 2016. The Commission also preliminarily approved the proposed 2017 projects. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2016/16-220.html>.

PWW provides water service through its core system to customers in the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Hollis, Merrimack, and Milford. The Commission first approved a WICA pilot program for PWW in 2011, in the form of a rate surcharge designed to accelerate replacement of aging infrastructure, and to provide an expedited recovery mechanism for necessary capital improvements that don't result in additional sales. It applies only to PWW's core water system and covers replacement of mains, valves, services, and hydrants.

In the order *nisi*, the Commission found WICA projects constructed by PWW in 2015 to be prudent and used and useful. The Commission approved a surcharge of 3.03% as just and reasonable for effect on bills rendered on or after June 1, 2016. With regard to the projects

proposed for 2016, which were presented for review and final approval, and the projects proposed for 2017, which were presented for review and preliminary approval, the Commission granted final and preliminary approval respectively.

To ensure that all interested parties receive notice of this docket and have an opportunity to request a hearing, the Commission delayed the effectiveness of these approvals until May 31, 2016. All persons interested in responding to the Commission's approvals may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing no later than May 23, 2016. Any party interested in responding to such comments and request for hearing shall do so no later than May 27, 2016. Following consideration of any comments and request for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the effective date of its approvals. The Commission's approvals shall become final and effective on May 31, 2016, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

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