

TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON

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The State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission DW 16-804

RE: Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire

TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON' S PETITION TO INTERVENE

NOW COMES the Town of North 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:

1. The Operations Manager of Aquarion sent a letter dated August 8, 2016 to the Commission requesting Commission approval after the fact of completing a connection to provide water on a temporary basis to the Wiggin Farm Homeowner' s Association, a subdivision located in Stratham, New Hampshire, which is a Town not previously part of Aquarion's franchise area. This letter has been docketed as a Petition under the above Docket.
2. The Town of North Hampton was not copied on the aforesaid letter of August 8, 2016 and learned only indirectly from the North Hampton Water Commissioners about the proposed emergency interconnection.

3. Before the Commission's August 22, 2016 Order No 25,938 was posted to the Commission's on-line docket book in this Docket, the Town of Hampton Town Manager submitted a letter dated August 23, 2016 to the Commission setting forth the Town of Hampton's objections to any permanent connection in Stratham by Aquarion, in part because of the recent shortage in Aquarion's water production capacity that have put in jeopardy its ability to meet the demands of its customers in its current service territory. This letter dated August 23, 2016 has only been docketed as a "comment," and neither the Town of Hampton nor the Town of North Hampton nor the Water Districts of Rye have been added to the Docket related service list. The Town of North Hampton concurs with Hampton's Town Manager's objections.

4. The Commission's August 22, 2016 Order No 25,938 set a deadline of October 5, 2016 for Aquarion to file a "petition for a permanent solution" to the water problem of the Wiggin Farm in Stratham or the Commission will hold a status conference on October 5, 2016 at 10:00 am. This Order was not preceded by a public hearing and was not noticed to any of the towns currently served by Aquarion, which include Hampton, North Hampton and two water districts in Rye.

5. Officials from Hampton, North Hampton and Rye met with Aquarion officials on September 2, 2016 and expressed opposition to a permanent petition to provide service to Stratham. The Aquarion officials present at said meeting indicated that they would let the currently served Towns know one way or the other whether Aquarion would be filing a permanent petition as to serving Stratham.

6. To date, the Town of North Hampton has received no further indication from Aquarion officials regarding their intentions as to Stratham.

7. Intervention by North Hampton is needed now in order for the Town to be kept fully informed of the Company's and the Commission's intentions and to be in a position to voice the Town's concerns in a timely and meaningful way before any temporary connection is made permanent.

8. The Town of North Hampton has participated in all the recent rate cases before this Commission that have been filed by Aquarion.

WHEREFORE , the Town of North Hampton requests that the Commission:

- I. Allow the Town of North Hampton to intervene as a party in this matter;
- II. Notify the Town in advance of any further proceedings herein; and
- II. Grant such other and further relief as may be just.

Respectfully submitted,

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