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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
N.H. Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, N.H. 03301

Re: Docket No. DW 17-036, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.
Petition for a License to Cross the Merrimack River

Dear Ms. Howland:

This matter involves an interconnection between Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. ("PEU") and Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. ("PWW") that requires crossing the Merrimack River. We filed this matter on March 2nd. We understand that Staff expects to start its review of the filing on May 17th. We appreciate that the Commission and its Staff are busy, however, we wish to bring to the Commission's attention that the construction window for the river crossing is July-August. Because of this deadline, we would appreciate any prompt review the Commission can offer.

The construction window for the river crossing is set so as to avoid migratory fish. As stated on page 12 of the pre-filed testimony, PEU had planned to receive bids by May 15th and award the contract by June 1st in order to allow the contractor time to mobilize for the July-August construction window.

If the river crossing cannot be conducted within the July-August 2017 construction window, PEU will be faced with a one-year delay of this important project. If a delay occurs, PEU will still keep its commitment to the N.H. Department of Environmental Services ("NHDES") and the Town of Litchfield to connect over 400 customers facing contamination from the chemical compound perfluorooctanoic acid. However, not having the instant interconnection will make it more difficult for PEU to meet the calculated maximum daily demand requirements set by the NHDES.

Again, we respect that the Commission and Staff have a heavy workload. We would appreciate any expedited review the Commission can provide. Thank you for the Commission's assistance with this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia A. Brown".

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