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September 25, 2017

Via E-Mail

Robert C. Levine, Esq.
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The Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.
54 Sawyer Avenue
Atkinson, NH 03801

Re: DW 17-118 – The Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (Hampstead)
Petition for Change in Rates
Rate Case Expense Estimate

Dear Mr. Levine:

The Commission is in receipt of Hampstead's application for a change in rates as filed on September 7, 2017. I write to inform you that it appears as though the company has neglected to comply with NH Code Admin Rule Puc 1900 *et seq.* relating to the process by which rate case expenses may be recovered. In particular, Puc 1905.01(a)(1) requires that the utility file with its petition a detailed description of the rate case expenses actually incurred as of the date of the filing along with a projected total of its rate case expense that includes the following: (i) the name(s) of each service provider; (ii) the procurement process; (iii) the amount of expense, and (iv) a description of the charge or service rendered. The filing also should have included a list of all services to be rendered by each vendor and the total estimated costs of each service provided. *See* Puc 1905.01(a)(2)-(3).

Staff would appreciate an update to the company's filing to address the missing items. As filed, rate case expenses may not qualify for recovery. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


John S. Clifford
Staff Attorney

cc: Service List (electronically)

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- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.