STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

BEFORE THE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DW 17-128

Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. Request for Change in Rates

ASSENTED TO MOTION TO WITHDRAW SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 FILING AND FOR WAIVER OF PUC 1604.05

NOW COMES, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. ("PEU"), in accordance with N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 201.05, and hereby withdraws the rate case filing made on September 26, 2017 and moves the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") to waive certain the sixty (60) day deadline for filing its rate case following the filing of a Notice of Intent. In support of its motion, PEU states as follows:

- 1. Puc 1604.05(a) requires that a utility file a proposed rate schedule change between 30-60 days following the filing of a Notice of Intent with the Commission.
 - 2. PEU filed its Notice of Intent on August 16, 2017.
 - 3. On September 26, 2017, PEU filed its proposed rate change and associated documents.
- 4. On October 15, 2017, Staff notified PEU of several errors with the September 26, 2017 filing. Based on conversations with Staff, Staff and PEU concluded that the best solution to the issues identified was to withdraw the rate case filing made on September 26, 2017 and to refile the entire package.

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- 5. In light of the conversation with Staff, PEU withdraws its September 26, 2017 filing and intends to refile the entire package on October 18, 2017.
- 6. In order to refile the rate case on October 18, 2017, PEU further respectfully requests that the Commission waive N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 201.05 which requires that the rate case be filed no more than 60 days following the filing of the Notice of Intent. The filing on October 18, 2017 will be 62 days following the Notice of Intent. Based on conversations with Staff, both Staff and PEU have concluded that withdrawing and replacing the previous filing rather than supplementing the previous filing will lead to less confusion and provide for a more comprehensive filing.
- 7. For the reasons stated above, the Commission's granting of PEU's waiver requests is in the public interest and will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of this proceeding and will avoid inefficient duplication of documents.
- 8. The Commission's Staff assents to the relief requested.
 WHEREFORE, PEU respectfully requests that the Commission:
 - A. Allow PEU to withdraw the rate case materials filed on September 26, 2017;
 - B. Grant this Motion for Waiver of Puc 1604.05 to allow PEU to refile its rate case on October 18, 2017; and
 - C. Grant such other relief as is just and equitable.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on this 16th day of October 2017, the foregoing was delivered to the Commission and served electronically on all parties to the service list.

Richard W. Head