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 AMEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

NOW COMES, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. ("PEU") and respectfully moves the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission to modify the Procedural Schedule to allow for more time for the parties to submit a settlement for permanent rates. This Motion would not result in a change in the hearing scheduled for July 25, 2018. In support of this motion, PEU states as follows:

- 1. On December 20, 2017, the parties met at a technical session to, among other things, discuss a procedural schedule for this docket. The parties agreed to a schedule which was submitted to the Commission and in turn was approved by Secretarial Letter on January 17, 2018.
- 2. During this proceeding, the Parties reached an agreement on temporary rates and filed a settlement agreement on temporary rates with the Commission. The settlement agreement on temporary rates was approved by the Commission in Order No. 26,136 (May 31, 2018).

 Since that time, the Parties have continued to exchange discovery and conducted several face-to-

face meetings. The Parties have tentatively agreed on a settlement but need additional time to finalize the settlement agreement and file it with the Commission.

- 3. The procedural schedule calls for a settlement agreement to be filed on June 28, 2018 with rebuttal testimony on settlement filed by July 12, 2019 and a hearing on permanent rates be held on July 25, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
- 4. The parties all agree that the deadline for filing the settlement agreement should be extended to give the parties time to finalize the terms of a permanent rate settlement, with deadline the new deadline for filing the settlement to be July 17, 2018
 - 5. The hearing date of July 25, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. is not changed by this request.
- 6. This change to the schedule is in the public interest because it will allow the parties additional time to finalize the settlement agreement on permanent rates. In addition, allowing this schedule change will not result in any disruption of the proceeding and the scheduled hearing on temporary rates is not modified by this request.
- 7. The OCA, Staff and Intervenor (Michael Ranaldi) all concur with the relief requested in this motion.

WHEREFORE, PEU respectfully requests that the Commission:

- A. Grant this Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule; and
- B. 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 20th day of June 2018, the foregoing was delivered to the Commission and served electronically on all parties to the service list.

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