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> Abenaki Water Company - Rosebrook before the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission DW 17-165 Introductory Letter

Abenaki Water Company – Rosebrook ("Abenaki" or "Company") respectfully requests that the Commissioners accept this filing in support of its request for an increase in the water rates. Rosebrook proposes to increase its annual revenues from customers by \$102,232 or 37.85%. In addition, the Company proposes a step increase to its annual revenues from customers by \$22,645 or 6.08%.

During the twelve months ended September 30, 2017 (the test year) Rosebrook's actual net income (loss) amounted to (\$27,247). Its actual operating revenues amounted to \$270,092. Its actual operating expenses amounted to \$286,077, resulting in a net operating loss of (\$15,985). The net operating income (loss) of (\$15,985) is significantly less than the net operating income required in order for the Company to pay its operating expenses and earn a fair and reasonable rate of return.

Rosebrook proposes that the new permanent rates be effective January 1, 2018. In the event that the Commission suspends the proposed tariff, Rosebrook anticipates that it will make a temporary rate filing in the next week or two.

With respect to the specific rate filing and its exhibits and supporting schedules, Abenaki – Rosebrook has engaged the services of Stephen P. St. Cyr of St. Cyr & Associates to assist the Company, prepare the exhibits, prepare, review and present testimony on the merits of the case and meet other rate filing requirements. Enclosed are exhibits, testimony and the other rate filing requirements.

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