STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

BEFORE THE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DW 17-165

Abenaki Water Company, Inc. – Rosebrook Division Permanent Rate Proceeding

ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO BIFURCATE COMMISSION APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY-PERMANENT RATE RECOUPMENT FROM RATE CASE EXPENSE <u>RECOUPMENT</u>

NOW COMES, Abenaki Water Company, Inc.'s ("Abenaki" or "Company") pursuant to Puc 203.07, and hereby requests the Commission approve Abenaki's proposed temporarypermanent rate recoupment separate from its proposed rate case expense recoupment. In support of this request, Abenaki states as follows:

1. On December 27, 2018, the Commission issued Order No. 26,205 and approved permanent rates for Abenaki. In that order, the Commission authorized Abenaki to recover the difference between the temporary rates it had been charging and the new permanent rates and ordered Abenaki to file its calculation of the recoupment and proposed surcharge within thirty (30) days of the order. Order No. 26,205, at 14.

2. On January 28, 2019, Abenaki filed its temporary-permanent rate recoupment in compliance with that order. Its temporary-permanent rate recoupment totaled \$39,532.88. This recoupment was based on a summary of customer usage, filed as Attachment B, which is reattached to this motion. Abenaki proposes no changes to its proposed recoupment.

3. Abenaki requests the Commission authorize it to recover its temporary-permanent rate recoupment at this time and not delay its approval due to Abenaki's request to recovery its

rate case expenses. Abenaki's present cash flow is being adversely impacted by the present delayed rate relief and Abenaki's ability to conduct its operations is being strained.

4. Since Abenaki's proposal, Staff and the parties have not objected to Abenaki's temporary-permanent rate recoupment of or its method of collecting the recoupment based on customer usage denoted in Attachment B.

5. The Commission's Staff and the parties to this docket have been contacted for their position. Staff assents to the relief requested. Abenaki had not yet received positions from the Office of the Consumer Advocate, Rosebrook Association, Omni Mount Washington, LLC, Bretton Woods Property Owners Association, Forest Cottage Association, and the N.H. Department of Environmental Services by the time of this filing.

WHEREFORE, Abenaki respectfully requests the Commission:

- A. Approve Abenaki's temporary-permanent rate recoupment and proposed recovery as illustrated in Attachment B; and
- B. Grant such other relief as is just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

Abenaki Water Company, Inc.

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