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Re: DW 18-076 – Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (“PWW” or “Company”)
Tariff Changes re: Small Diameter Private Fire Protection Non-Metered Service
Staff Recommendation relative to Motion for Waiver of Puc 1203.05(b)

Dear Ms. Howland:

On January 4, 2019, PWW filed a Motion for Waiver of N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 1203.05(b). Staff recommends that the Commission approve PWW’s motion.

On December 17, 2018, the Commission issued Order No. 26,200 in the above named proceeding which approved certain changes to terms of service and rates on pages 32, 43, and 45 of PWW’s tariff relative to small diameter private fire protection non-metered service. The Commission’s order also approved the issuance of credits to a limited number of customers within the City of Nashua. The rate changes approved for tariff pages 43 and 45 as well as the customer credits will become effective on January 16, 2019.

PWW normally issues its bills under tariff pages 43 and 45 monthly and in arrears for services rendered. However, PWW seeks a waiver of Puc 1203.05(b) for the customers affected by the recently approved tariff changes and customer credits in order to implement such as of its February 2019 customer billings.

PWW argues that implementing the rate changes in this manner would be less confusing to the affected customers because the bills would not be split between prorated portions of old and new tariff rates. Rather, the rates would change at the conclusion of one bill and in time for the next, as customers are accustomed to seeing. Further, implementing the rate change on a bills-rendered basis would allow PWW to avoid the cost of labor-intensive calculations for multiple individual customer bills. Finally, PWW indicates that the Commission has approved similar implementations of rate changes in

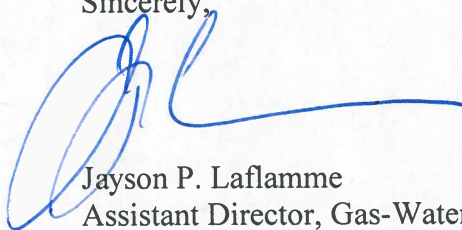
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this manner in the past. See Commission Order No. 25,990 (February 17, 2017) and Commission Order No. 26,136 (May 31, 2018) (regarding Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.).

Staff has reviewed PWW's motion and agrees that the Company's proposal would result in less confusion for affected customers and would be more efficient for the Company to implement. As such, Staff believes that approval of PWW's motion would be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Director, Gas-Water Division

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