

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC

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PETITION FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE, TEMPORARY FRANCHISE, APPROVAL OF CONTRACT, AND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF EXISTING RATES

The Petitioner, Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC), respectfully petitions the N.H. Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to allow it to provide emergency service outside its franchise area within the Town of Salem, for a temporary franchise, approval of contract and for approval of the consolidated rates to be applied to that area. In support thereof, HAWC says:

1. HAWC is presently franchised in most areas of Hampstead and Atkinson, New Hampshire, and has franchised satellite systems in various towns in Rockingham County (see Schedule A, attached). HAWC has been granted a consolidated rate and this consolidated rate would be applied to this franchise if granted.
2. That HAWC has received a request from the NH Department of Environmental Services, for emergency water service within the Town of Salem, abutting the Company's Lancaster Farm water system, to provide service to the Fifty Seven (57) homes of the Tisdale Trailer Park due to e. coli contamination of their well water. The water system extension is shown on Exhibit 2.
3. Due to the necessity for safe drinking water to this community and exigencies of providing potable water to the homeowners impacted by the contamination, HAWC is asking that this Petition be expedited and a hearing be waived due to this emergency,

pursuant to NH RSA § 378:9. The Company is making the franchise request contained in this petition under NH RSA §374.26.

4. It is intended to have HAWC provide temporary water service to these homes, which will be served by extending service to the existing water system serving these premises. The cost for the hook up to the existing system is approximately \$6,000.00 to be paid by the owner of the Tisdale Trailer Park, Tisdale Trailer Park, Inc., (Owner). The owner will be attempting to then rehabilitate the wells that previously supplied water.
5. The proposed Franchise Expansion Area (Expansion) Exhibit 3 is shown on the Tax Map 12, Lot 8510. See also letters to the Board of Selectmen in Salem and their proposed response to Staff regarding same, attached as Exhibits 6 and 7, respectively.
6. This Franchise Area is proposed on temporary basis, contingent on whether the Owner can rehabilitate its wells or, failing that, whether the owner elects to have HAWC supply water to the trailer park on a permanent basis. This decision will come by November 1, 2018. If the Owner so elects to have HAWC supply water to the trailer park, the Company will notify the Commission and petition for the franchise to become permanent.
7. The proposed Contract (Contract) between the Owner and HAWC is attached as Exhibit 1. It reflects the cost of the line extension, hookup, and the metering. HAWC is proposing to treat this service to the trailer park residents akin to service to an apartment building, with a single 1" meter rate of \$30.00 and the \$5.95 consumption rate being applied.
8. The Company has notified the Town of Salem of its franchise request and has provided them with a letter to be sent to the Commission acknowledging same. (Exhibits 5 and 6)

9. With regard to the request for authority to acquire the system extension HAWC says:

- a. Enclosed as Exhibit 1 is a Contract subject to the Commission's approval to provide water to the existing system which contains the cost for the system extension.

10. With regard to the request for approval of rates HAWC says:

- a. That HAWC presently has a consolidated system wide rate.
- b. The current consolidate rate consists of a base rate of \$10.00 monthly and a consumption rate of \$5.95 per 100 cubic feet.

11. Attached is the Testimony of Harold Morse (Exhibit 3) in support of the requests herein.

WHEREFORE your Petitioner prays:

A. That the Commission find that it would be in the public good for the HAWC:

1. to extend and expand its Franchise Area to provide water service to the area within the Town of Salem on a temporary basis as is shown on the attached Plan (Exhibit 4);
2. to add the proposed system extension within the new Franchise Area to the existing Lancaster Farm system;
3. to be permitted to charge the existing consolidated rate contained in the tariff of HAWC for the Proposed Franchise Expansion Area as described in Exhibit 4

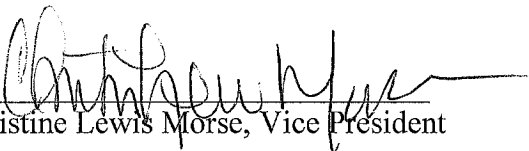
B. That the Commission, by appropriate order, grant the HAWC permission to:

1. to extend and expand its Franchise Area to provide water service to the area within the Town of Salem on a temporary basis as is shown on the attached Plan (Exhibit 4);

2. to add the proposed system extension within the new Franchise Area to the existing Lancaster Farm system;
 3. to be permitted to charge the existing consolidated rate contained in the tariff of HAWC for the Proposed Franchise Expansion Area as described in Exhibit 4;
- C. That the Commission make such further findings and orders as may be appropriate on the circumstances.

Dated the 8th day of August, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC.


Christine Lewis Morse, Vice President