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Ms. Debra A. Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

> Re: Docket Nos. DW 18-161 and DW 18-054 Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire Petition for Approval of 2019 WICA Surcharge and Projects Investigation into Rate Effects of Federal and State Tax Reform

Dear Ms. Howland:

The Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), a party to the above referenced Docket No. DW 18-054, is in receipt of the Settlement Agreement filed today in both DW 18-054 and DW 18-161 that has been entered into by the Staff of the Commission, Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, and the Town of Hampton.

Please be advised that the OCA concurs with this settlement agreement and the terms contained therein. We therefore request that you treat the OCA as a signatory to the agreement for all purposes relevant to the Commission's consideration of the settlement.

I apologize to the other parties to these dockets for our delay in assenting to the settlement terms, with which we were provided prior to their submission. Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions about the foregoing.

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