

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC

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PETITION TO EXPAND FRANCHISE, OPERATE WATER SYSTEM INSIDE OF THE NEW
FRANCHISE AREA, APPROVAL OF FINANCING, APPROVAL ACQUISITION OF
ASSETS AND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF EXISTING RATES

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF HAROLD MORSE

Q. Please state your name, address and position with Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.

A. My name is Harold Morse, of 54 Sawyer Avenue, Atkinson, NH and I am the President of Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc., (HAWC).

Q. Describe the overall history of HAWC?

A. HAWC is presently franchised in most areas of Hampstead and Atkinson, New Hampshire, and has franchised satellite systems in various towns in Rockingham County as per the Schedule A attached to the Petition.

Q. Why are you requesting a franchise expansion in Sandown, New Hampshire?

A. We have been requested by a developer, Lewis Builders, Inc., to provide water service to its development, Kelly Green, and by some homeowners outside of our existing Mill Woods franchise.

Q. Could you describe the new system that is being proposed and where it would be located?

A. The system in Kelly Green would serve a 22 unit townhouse-style apartment development off of Wilkele Road in Sandown, New Hampshire. It is owned by Lewis Builders, Inc. (Lewis

Builders). At the request of Lewis Builders, Hampstead Area Water Services Company (HAWSCO), a division of Lewis Builders Development, Inc., an affiliated company of Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc., obtained approval from the Department of Environmental Services (DES) for the well, (Exhibit 41) and will be installing the system. HAWSCO will be paid by Lewis Builders for the installation of the water system.

Q. Would this system be part of the core system for the Company?

A. No, it would be a satellite or stand-alone system. HAWC will acquire the system and operate it. HAWC will pay to Lewis Builders \$1,000 per hookup for each of the Twenty-two (22) units for a total of \$22,000. The rest will be contributed by Lewis Builders to HAWC as Contributions in Aid of Construction ("CAIC").

Q. Do you believe that HAWC has the managerial, financial, and technical ability to own, operate and maintain the system?

A. Yes, HAWC has successfully done so in the past with similarly sized systems.

Q. Do you believe that it is in the best interest of HAWC and its customers to acquire this system?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. What is the present tariff charged by the Company?

A. The tariff for HAWC is a consolidated rate of \$10.00 base charge per month with a consumption charge of \$6.11 per 100 cubic feet of water consumed.

Q. Are you requesting that the consolidated rate be extended to the new proposed area should the Commission grant the proposed Franchise?

¹ Reference to "Exhibit__"—for example this pre-filed testimony is Exhibit 9—means that numbered exhibit attached to the Petition.

A. Yes.

Q. Where does the consolidated rate for HAWC come from?

A. The rate was established under DW-17-145 by Order number 26,153 and DW-17-118 by order 26,195.

Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

A. Yes.