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August 19, 2019

Re: DW 19-035, Pennichuck East Utilities, Inc.
2019 Petition of PEU for Qualified Capital Project Adjustment Charge
Suspension of Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On August 15, 2019, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a letter requesting suspension of the procedural schedule approved in the above-captioned matter, including an extension of the August 15 deadline for filing Staff's recommendation. The Commission had extended the original deadline for filing Staff's recommendation to August 15 by secretarial letter dated July 16, 2019. Although Staff contacted Pennichuck East Utilities, Inc. (PEU) on August 13 regarding the request for suspension, PEU had not responded at the time Staff filed its request. Nor has the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed an objection.

In its letter, Staff stated that PEU had provided Staff additional information on August 12 regarding its 2019 capital expenditure budget. Given the discrepancies between this new information and the information PEU previously provided, Staff stated that additional discovery would be necessary before Staff could issue its recommendation. Staff requested suspension of the procedural schedule so that it would have sufficient time to issue a complete and thorough recommendation.

The Commission has reviewed Staff's request for an extension of the August 15 deadline and suspension of the procedural schedule, and it has determined that the standard for an extension of time contained in N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 202.04 has been satisfied. Accordingly, Staff's request has been granted, and the procedural schedule has been suspended. Staff shall file with the Commission, on or before September 10, 2019, a revised procedural schedule containing deadlines for discovery, responses to discovery, and Staff's and the OCA's recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

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