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

Re: DW 20-044 Abenaki Water Company

Petition for Authority to Issue Debt Staff Recommendation for Approval

Dear Ms. Howland:

On August 18, 2020 Ms. Descoteau filed Staff recommendation, recommending that "the Commission approve Abenaki's proposed financing as filed." Staff also recommended that "the Commission leave the record open for 10 days after the date of this recommendation to allow for either the Office of the Consumer Advocates or the Company to respond. Briefly, Abenaki Water Company (AWC or Company) concurs with Staff's recommendation. Once the 10 day period is over, the Company strongly recommends Commission approval promptly. Respectfully, presuming the PUC approves, the Company then needs final approval from the Governor's Council. It is imperative that this project be constructed this construction season and not be delayed until next year. The Company and its customers do not want to run the risk of another break resulting in no water for customers and thousands of more dollars needing to be spent. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Stephen P. St. Cyr

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