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Via Electronic Mail Only

Chairwoman Dianne Martin New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DW 20-071 Atkinson Area Waste Water Recycling, Request Change in Rates; and DW 20-091 Atkinson Area Waste Water Recycling, Transfer of Ownership Accept Late Filing of Settlement Agreement pursuant to Puc 203.20 (f)

## Dear Chairwoman Martin:

Yesterday, on September 22, 2021, the parties in the above referenced dockets filed a redacted version of the Settlement Agreement signed by the parties, Atkinson Area Waste Water Recycling (AAWWR) and the Department of Energy. However, due to an ongoing technical session, the parties were unable to file the confidential version of the Settlement Agreement until approximately 4:50 p.m. Thus, the filing date for the complete packet is, perforce, September 23, 2021, and is one day late.

The New Hampshire Administrative Rules, Puc203.20 (e) Settlement Agreements are to be filed no less than 5 days prior to the proceeding except as provided in Puc 203.20 (f). In this instance, the requirements of Puc 203.20(f) are met. As both parties seek this waiver, and wish to have the Settlement Agreement reviewed and approved on September 30, 2021, as scheduled, neither party will be prejudiced if late entry is permitted. In addition, as the complete packet was filed a matter of minutes late, and the parties are ready to proceed, acceptance of the Settlement Agreements (in redacted and confidential format) will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding.

Accordingly, the parties ask the Public Utilities Commission to accept late filing, consistent with Puc 203.20(f).

Respectfully Submitted

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cc: Service List DW 20-071 and

DW 20-091