STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DW 20-071

Atkinson Area Waste Water Recycling, Inc.

Petition for Approval of Rate Change/Recovery of Rate Case Expenses

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S ASSENTED TO MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE RECOMMENDATION FOR RECOVERY OF RATE CASE EXPENSE

NOW COMES the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) and in response to the Public Utility Commission (Commission)'s May 26, 2022, Procedural Order Regarding May 16, 2021 (sic) Filing Deadline. On April 20, 2022, the Commission issued a procedural order requesting the DOE to file a complete copy of its analysis regarding the request of Atkinson Area Waste Water Recycling, Inc. (AAWWR) to recover rate case expenses no later than May 16, 2022. On April 27, 2022, the DOE filed a response indicating that it could not meet the deadline. In the May 26, 2022, Procedural Order, the Commission required the DOE, no later than June 10, 2022, to file its "analysis regarding AAWWR's request for recovery of rate case expenses and its recommendation regarding that request, or a properly supported motion for an extension." Through this motion, the DOE is requesting to extend the time allowed to file its analysis and recommendation to allow the DOE to no later than July 15, 2022.

In support of this motion, the DOE states as follows:

- 1. The DOE issued discovery regarding AAWWR's rate case expense on April 22, 2022, and received responses on May 6, 2022. The DOE held an internal meeting to evaluate the responses and determined that the DOE and AAWWR should hold a telephone conference to expedite the ability of the DOE to review the supplemental information and clarification.
- 2. On May 16, 2022, the DOE reached out to AAWWR with proposed dates for such a conference. Due to various scheduling conflicts for both the DOE and AAWWR, the parties exchanged several proposed dates for the meeting.

3. On June 6, 2022, the DOE and AAWWR agreed to hold the telephone conference on

June 14, 2022.

4. The DOE will, therefore, meet with AAWWR and seek additional information on June

14, 2022, to help complete the record for the Commission's review of the rate case expenses. However,

the DOE anticipates it will require AAWWR additional time to provide any needed documentation from

that June 14, 2022 meeting, and therefore, the DOE believes it is appropriate to extend the time for the

DOE to issue its analysis and recommendation on the rate case expenses. In support of its motion, the

DOE states that absent the extension, the DOE will be unable to assist the Commission in completing the

record as required by RSA 12-P:2, IV.

5. Based on the foregoing, the DOE requests that the Commission extend the time for

submission of the DOE report to no later than Friday, July 15, 2022, to assure that a complete record is

presented for the Commission's review.

6. DOE and AAWWR are the only parties to the proceeding.

7. Undersigned counsel contacted Anthony Augeri, Esq., General Counsel for AAWWR,

and he assents to the relief requested by this motion.

WHEREFORE, DOE respectfully requests that the Commission:

A. GRANT the DOE's request to extend the time to July 15, 2022, for the DOE to submit its

analysis and recommendation regarding rate case recovery in this case; and

B. GRANT such other and further relief as is equitable and just.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 9, 2022

s/s Suzanne G. Amidon

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on June 9, 2022 a copy of this objection has been electronically forwarded to the service list.

s/s Suzanne G. Amidon