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Debra A. Howland  
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Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: DW 20-112 Abenaki Water Company  
Request for Change in Rates  
Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

The purpose of this letter is to update the Commission on the procedural status of this docket, and provide Commission Staff's (Staff) recommendation that a technical session be scheduled for the parties and Staff to discuss the status of this docket. On April 27, 2021, Staff filed a letter that stated the parties were not in agreement on: 1) the Company's deadline to respond to technical session data requests, or 2) on the development of a further procedural schedule. Staff noted that a contributing factor included the Company's notice of an agreement to be acquired by Aquarion Company. Staff requested a ten day suspension of the respective April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> deadlines contained in the procedural schedule approved by the Commission in a Secretarial Letter dated February 23, 2021. The Company subsequently filed a joint petition for Approval of the Acquisition of Abenaki Water Company by Aquarion Company, which the Commission docketed as DW 21-090. The Company has also responded to technical session data requests, which the parties and Staff are reviewing.

Staff represents that at this time, the parties are not in agreement as to whether to proceed with a settlement or litigation procedural track. Staff therefore recommends the Commission schedule a technical session at the convenience of the parties to discuss the status of the docket and procedural issues.

Sincerely,

/s/ Eric Wind

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