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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: Docket No. DW 20-117 – Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.
Request for Change in Rates
Commission Staff Request to Amend Procedural Schedule

Dear Executive Director Howland:

Commission Staff (Staff) respectfully submits the following request to amend the approved procedural schedule in the above-mentioned matter. Pursuant to a Secretarial Letter issued on March 18, 2021, the deadline to file a temporary rate settlement agreement is set for May 14. Currently, Staff and the parties are endeavoring to achieve settlement, but in the event a settlement is finalized, the parties recognize they will not be able to submit a completed document by May 14. At the April 30 technical session, furthermore, intervenors Town of Atkinson, Town of Danville, and Town of Hampstead indicated they might not be able to provide a position on possible settlement by that deadline. The Towns of Atkinson and Danville, specifically, represented that their position to the proposed settlement agreement would not be available until May 18.

As such, Staff requests that the deadline to file temporary rate settlement be moved from May 14 to May 18, 2021, allowing additional time for all interested parties to complete settlement, or in the alternative, additional time to make a final determination on its position regarding possible settlement. Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc., the Town of Atkinson, *pro se* intervenor Ms. Sarah “Sally” Theriault, and *pro se* intervenor Karen Steele assent to this request. The Office of the Consumer Advocate, the Town of Hampstead, and the Town of Danville did not respond.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher R. Tuomala

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cc: Service List (electronically)