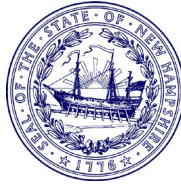


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January 10, 2024

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street  
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Re: DW 20-117 Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC)  
Request for Change in Rates, *DOE's Partially-Assented-To Proposed Procedural  
Schedule Re "Lost Revenue"*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The Commission directed the parties to submit a proposed procedural schedule for discovery regarding what Hampstead Area Water Company Inc. (HAWC of the Company) describes as "lost revenue" on or before January 10, 2024. *See* Order No. 26,915 (Dec 20, 2023) at 7, (Order Regarding Timeliness of Motion to Recover Lost Step Revenue).

The New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) proposes the following partially-assented-to procedural schedule. It has been assented to by parties as follows: by and through counsel by HAWC and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA); the Town of Atkinson by and through John Apple, Town Administrator, Karen Steele, *pro se*, the Town of Hampstead by and through Laurie Warnock, Chair, Select Board. The DOE requested input on the schedule on January 3, 2024. As of this filing, the DOE does not know the Town of Danville's position. (Email was directed to Shawn O'Neil at [adminasst@townofdanville.org](mailto:adminasst@townofdanville.org), pursuant to the service list).

Please note, the following schedule accommodates preliminary review by the DOE's Audit Division prior to Set 1 data requests (DRs).

Set 1 DRs	03/05/24
Set 1 Responses	03/15/24
Tech Session	03/25/24 1 pm to 3 pm (Virtual)
Set 2 DRs	03/28/24
Set 2 Responses	04/04/24
DOE Report	04/25/24

HAWC & Other Parties' Rebuttal  
(Testimony or Tech Statement) 05/08/24

Hearing May 2024 (at least 10 days after Rebuttal)

At the direction of the Commission, *see* Order No. 26,915 at 5, the DOE also proposes the following dates for hearing, having no conflict thereto at this time: May 21, or May 22 with May 29 as an alternative, less preferred, date. All parties that assented to the proposed procedural schedule also assent to these proposed hearing dates. The Town of Danville's position is unknown.

The Commission seems to have identified an opportunity for the parties to submit briefs. *See* Order No. 26,915 at 5 (referencing "opportunity to be heard"). The DOE respectfully proposes that the briefing be scheduled after hearing, to better address the Commission's concerns and to align with the parties' then-current obligations. The DOE also requests an opportunity to file reply briefs, commenting on other parties' arguments. The Town of Atkinson and the Town of Hampstead assent to this proposal. HAWC and the OCA do not assent and propose instead that whether a briefing schedule is necessary be addressed at the end of the scheduled hearing. The Town of Danville's position is unknown.

Consistent with the Commission's current practice, this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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