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RE: The Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. - DW 20-117 Step 1 "Lost Revenue"

Dear Chairman Goldner & Attorney Schwarzer,

On November 17, 2023, The Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC or the "Company") filed a motion entitled "Motion to Recover Lost Step I Revenue During 65 Day Suspension of Order No. 26,809." The Department of Energy (DOE) filed an objection to HAWC's motion on November 27, 2023. On December 20, 2023, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC) issued Order No. 26,915 ordering the Parties to develop and file a procedural schedule with the Commission, which the Parties complied with on January 10, 2024.

On March 5, 2024, DOE filed Data Request Set 10, which the Company responded to on March 18, 2024. A Tech Session followed on March 25, 2024, where members from DOE, HAWC, OCA and Intervenor Town of Hampstead participated. During the Tech Session, it became clear to HAWC that DOE does not agree to the recovery that HAWC seeks, nor in the manner HAWC suggested. The request of DOE regarding changes to our billing software to potentially accommodate their suggested recovery, further responses to DOE Data Requests, rebuttal to DOE's Report as well as preparation for and participation at the May 2024 hearing, all would result in significant additional expenses to the Company. Because of this, the Company wishes to withdraw its motion previously filed on November 17, 2023, and formally close docket DW 20-117.

Consistent with the Commission's Temporary Changes in Filing Requirements (March 17, 2020) due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, this letter is being filed solely in electronic form.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Heidi K. Tombarello

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