

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC.

Request for Change in Rates

Docket No. DW 20-117

Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule

NOW COMES the Department of Energy (Department), a party to this docket under RSA 12-P:9, and respectfully requests that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) provide additional time for the hearing on permanent rates scheduled for March 23, 2022. In support of this request, the Department states as follows:

1. On March 18, 2021, the Commission approved a procedural schedule in this docket, scheduling, among other things, a hearing on permanent rates on February 9 to February 10, 2022.
2. On October 14, 2021, the Commission issued a Procedural Order Re: Proposed Amended Procedural Schedule (Order) which amended the procedural schedule approved previously on March 18, 2021. The Order cancelled the permanent rate hearing on February 9 and February 10, and rescheduled it for March 23, 2022. Order at 2.
3. The Order further stated that “[o]ne day has been allotted for this hearing” and in the event additional time is required, the parties to the proceeding must notify the Commission “within ten days from the date of this order.” Order at 2.
4. The Department now requests an additional day of hearing to be scheduled by the Commission. At this time, the Department is unsure if this proceeding will result in a global settlement which all parties join. As such, the Department contends that this is within the public

interest for the Commission to schedule an extra day of hearing in the event that any of the parties to the docket exercise their right to litigate this matter, which may require additional time.

5. The Department contacted all parties involved in this proceeding and requested that their positions on the relief requested herein be provided. As of the time of this filing, the following parties assented to the relief requested: Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.; the Office of the Consumer Advocate; the Town of Hampstead; the Town of Atkinson; Ms. Karen Steele; and Ms. Sarah Theriault. The remaining recognized intervenor, the Town of Danville, did not respond.

WHEREFORE, the Department respectfully requests that this honorable Commission:

- A. Schedule an additional day of hearing on permanent rates; and
- B. Grant such other and further relief as may be appropriate under the circumstances.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this pleading was provided via electronic mail to the individuals included on the Commission's service list for this docket.

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