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Dianne Martin, Chairwoman
N.H. Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: Docket DW 20-156-Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.-Permanent Rate Proceeding
Financing for Rate Proceeding

Dear Chairwoman Martin:

Attached please find for filing Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.'s (PEU) financing that was filed on September 2, 2021 and docketed by the Commission as DW 21-129. The financing request is for \$2,546,632 from CoBank, ACB. The proceeds would be used to fund a one-time refill and replenishment of PEU's Rate Stabilization Fund funds to their imprest levels.

The financing was fueled by a desire of the parties in this docket to mitigate rate shock to customers from this rate case. The option that rose to the top of consideration was that PEU would pursue financing, similar to the model that was used for its affiliate's rate case, DW 19-084 for Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW). PWW's general rate case spawned a parallel financing, DW 20-055, which produced savings that were then included in the rate case to effectuate lower rate increases to customers. Although PEU's financing is not of the scale of PWW's, PEU anticipates savings sufficient to also lower rate increases to customers from this present rate case. In that light, PEU believes the financing will meet the parties' collective goal of mitigating rate shock in DW 20-156.

To officially bring this financing aspect into PEU's general rate case, PEU is filing the financing petition and supportive testimony in DW 20-156. Confidential material included in the filing will be the subject of a motion for confidential treatment at a later date per Puc 203.08(e), because, pursuant to Puc 203.08(d), PEU has a good faith basis for seeking confidential treatment. PEU requests that any Commission order of notice issued in DW 21-129 make note of the relatedness of these two dockets.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this filing.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcia A. Brown".

Marcia A. Brown

cc: Docket-Related Service List DW 20-156