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VIA ELECTRONIC AND MAIL DELIVERY

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
N.H. Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: DW 20-176 Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.
Franchise Expansion for Beede Waste Oil Superfund Site - Status Report

Dear Chairman Goldner:

In an order dated November 22, 2021, the Commission approved a procedural schedule in this docket. That schedule included an opportunity for discovery and a technical session. The Department of Energy (DOE) is the only other party in this docket. Also in that order, the Commission required the Company to file a status report by January 4, 2022. PWW is writing to report to the Commission that the DOE did not have discovery to propound but that the Company and DOE met in a very brief technical session on December 14, 2021. At this time, the Company is not aware that additional discovery or an extended procedural schedule is needed but it reserves its right to request additional process if the need arises.

Because the Company did not file its status report by close of business yesterday, the Company respectfully requests the Commission accept this late-filed status report in satisfaction of the reporting requirement. The filing of this report has not prejudiced parties to this docket because the Company consulted the DOE about the content of this report prior to filing it. The DOE does not object to this request.

Lastly, the Company's petition in this matter is for approval of extending its franchise to include Lot #28 Walton Road. At the prehearing, the Commission asked if the franchise request was contingent. Prehearing Transcript of Nov. 3, 2021 at 12, lines 21-22. The Company responded that it believed it would fully satisfy the statute implicated by that question, that is, RSA 374:27, which requires that franchise authority be exercised within two years. Therefore, the Company wishes to confirm to the Commission that it is not seeking contingent franchise approval.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this filing.

Very Truly Yours,

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

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