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**Via electronic mail only**

Daniel C. Goldner, Chair  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: Docket No. DW 20-184  
Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc.  
Request for Change in Rates – Request to Amend Procedural Schedule

Dear Chair Goldner:

The Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) approved an initial procedural schedule in the instant docket by Secretarial Letter issued on March 24, 2021. The Commission subsequently approved an amended procedural schedule by Procedural Order on December 23, 2021, which included, among other milestones, the filing of a Settlement or Rebuttal Testimony on May 11, 2022, and a Hearing on Permanent Rates on May 18, 2022. The Commission then issued a Procedural Order on April 7, 2022 to reschedule the hearing from May 18 to June 22, 2022.

In recent weeks, the Department of Energy (“DOE”), the Office of the Consumer Advocate (“OCA”) and Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc. (the “Company”) have engaged in discussions for the purpose of determining whether a settlement can be reached in this matter. The discussions have been productive, resulting in a potential agreement in principle among DOE, OCA and the Company, subject to finalization of a settlement agreement. In addition, the settlement terms recently were shared with counsel for the Towns of Hampton and North Hampton (the “Towns”) to inform and facilitate their participation in further discussions regarding the potential settlement.

As the parties continue to pursue and finalize a settlement, they have determined that additional time is necessary for this process to reach a successful conclusion. Moreover, the Company notes that the May 11, 2022 deadline for filing a settlement or rebuttal testimony was initially established in anticipation of a hearing on May 18, 2022. Now that the hearing has been rescheduled for June 22, 2022, the settlement or rebuttal testimony filings can be extended without impacting the hearing date. In addition, at this stage of the process, a short time interval between the filing of a settlement agreement or rebuttal testimony will facilitate the parties’ efforts to conclude the settlement and to determine whether, or to what extent, rebuttal testimony is needed.

Accordingly, the Company hereby requests that the procedural schedule be amended as follows:

File Settlement Agreement                      June 1, 2022  
File Rebuttal Testimony (if needed)      June 8, 2022

The Company has been authorized by counsel for the DOE, OCA and the Towns to represent that all parties assent to and support this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.A. Chiavara', written in a cursive style.

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cc:      Service List