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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: DW 20-184; Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc.; Timeline for DOE Recommendations

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On March 31, 2023, Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc. submitted two separate filings containing proposed tariff pages implementing a rate recoupment adder and its rate case expenses in this docket. On April 6, 2023, the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issued a procedural order (“Order”) in the above-referenced matter. In the Order, the Commission requested the Department of Energy (“DOE”) by April 10, 2023, to provide a timeline of when DOE intends to submit its analyses and recommendations as to “(1) whether the rate recoupment adder is correctly calculated, will result in just and reasonable rates, and is consistent with the parties’ settlement agreement; and (2) whether the rate case expenses and resulting rates are consistent with Commission rules, and correctly calculated, as well as whether they are consistent with the parties’ settlement agreement.”

DOE currently anticipates that it will be prepared to submit its analyses and recommendations to the Commission by July 14, 2023. DOE also recommends that the Commission suspend tariff pages 20 and 22 pursuant to RSA 378:6, I(b) for 3 months, which the Commission may extend “for 5 additional months”.

DOE certifies that copies of this letter have been served on the parties electronically upon filing with the Commission.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Molly M. Lynch*

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