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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

Re: Petition of Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. for Approval of Proposed 2021 Qualified Capital Project Annual Adjustment Charge Docket DW 21-023

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., (PWW) in conjunction with the New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) have developed a proposed procedural schedule in the above-referenced matter in compliance with the Commission's Procedural Order dated December 3, 2021. In order to allow time for the completion of a settlement between the Company and the Department in this case, the parties propose the filing a Settlement Agreement for the Commission's consideration by January 28, 2022. The procedural order requested that the schedule provide for a hearing on the merits; however, previously the Commission has ruled on the annual QCPAC surcharge by Order Nisi<sup>1</sup>. If, after the submission of the proposed Settlement Agreement on January 28, 2022, the Commission decides not to issue an Order Nisi approving the proposed surcharge, then PWW and the Department respectfully request that the Commission adopt the following proposed procedural schedule which provides for the filing of a Settlement Agreement, and a hearing on the merits of the settlement. There are no intervenors or other participants in this docket at this time.

The Participants agree to the following alternative procedural schedule:

File Settlement Hearing January 28, 2022 February 28, 2022 at 9:00 am

This filing is made electronically in accordance with the Secretarial Letter dated March 17, 2020. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., Order 26,298 (October 9, 2019) at 1, 9.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted, Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.

By its Attorneys, Rath, Young and Pignatelli, P.C.

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