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Dianne Martin  
Chairwoman  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Docket IR 21-024 Abenaki Water Company, Inc. - Rosebrook Water System  
Investigation into Water Pressure Issue in the Rosebrook Water System  
Request for Filing Extension

Dear Chairwoman Martin:

The Commission issued an Order of Notice (Order) on February 19, 2021 opening an investigation pursuant to RSA 365:5 regarding a long-standing water pressure issue identified in the Rosebrook Water System owned and operated by Abenaki Water Company, Inc. (Abenaki) in the Town of Carroll, New Hampshire. In that Order, the Commission directed the Safety Division – now the Enforcement Division of the NH Department of Energy (Enforcement Division, or the Division) to review Abenaki's efforts to resolve the water pressure issue, including steps taken toward financing engineering designs for, and implementation of, a potential solution, as directed in prior orders of the Commission.

Accordingly, the Enforcement Division was directed to:

- 1) review prior filings in this docket;
- 2) investigate the safety and adequacy of the existing Rosebrook system;
- 3) evaluate the proposed preferred remedies of the existing water pressure within the distribution system;
- 4) evaluate potential alternative solutions;
- 5) conduct field investigations as necessary; and
- 6) file a recommendation to the Commission no later than July 16, 2021 of its findings.

The Enforcement Division initiated its investigation in late February 2021 and to date has conducted a review of the record, on-site inspection of the Rosebrook system, interviews with engineers, operators, and management and administrative personnel of Abenaki, as well as

personnel and contractors associated with the Omni Mount Washington, LLC and the Bretton Woods Property Owners Association affected by water pressure issues.

The Division has compiled a preliminary draft report. However, in light of the agency transition to the newly established Department of Energy, the Division was temporarily unable to access data and documents collected in the course of the investigation. To ensure a complete and accurate final report, the Division respectfully requests an extension of two weeks to July 30 to permit an adequate review and final compilation of the requested report. As required by Puc 202.04(c)(2), the requested extension is not expected to unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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