

December 15, 2022

Via Electronic Mail Only

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

Re: Docket No. DW 21-061 - Petition to Approve New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund Financing for Rosebrook Pressure Reduction Project
Abenaki Water Company – Rosebrook, a Subsidiary of Aquarion Water Company
Update on DWGTF Financing for Rosebrook

Chair Goldner:

On November 1, 2022 the Commission issued a procedural order in this docket noting that an update on this matter was last provided in August 2021, prior to the acquisition of Abenaki Water Company by Aquarion Water Company (“Aquarion” or the “Company”). The Commission asked in the procedural order that Aquarion provide an update on the status of the financing request, including whether the Company plans to rely on the existing petition and supporting materials, or if Aquarion will be filing an updated petition. Aquarion will be filing an updated petition, and this letter serves as the requested update.

In July of 2022, Aquarion provided a report pursuant to Order No. 26,549 approving the settlement agreement in Docket No. DW 21-090. In that report, the Company describes two projects related to pressure reduction in the Rosebrook System:

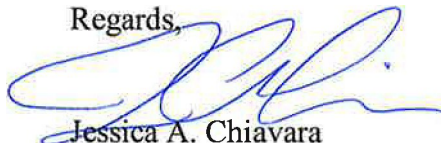
- Station Pressure Reduction and Treatment, which is also referred to as Phase 1.
- System Pressure Reduction, which is also referred to as Phase 2.

As an initial point of clarification, the subject financing will be expended on Phase 1. Thus, Phase 2 will not be funded by this financing. For informational purposes however, Aquarion notes that the engineering solution for Phase 2 and prerequisite outreach for selecting that solution are ongoing, consistent with the terms of the settlement agreement in Docket No. DW 21-090.

Aquarion is pleased to report that the selected solution for Phase 1 has made progress and the Company has confirmed the continued availability of the DWGTF funding. The selected solution for Phase 1 was presented to NHDES on July 15, 2022, consistent with the direction of the amended NHDES Letter of Deficiency (LOD) issued October of 2021, included as an attachment to this update for reference. NHDES approved the proposed solution for phase 1 on October 21, 2022 via email to Aquarion. The only remaining requirement to receive the funding is to obtain approval of the financing for Phase 1 from the Commission, and then file a final application with NHDES which will then go to the Governor and Executive Council for final approval. Aquarion will be filing an updated petition with testimony and supporting attachments providing all current details on Phase 1 and the financing. The Company plans to make this filing on or before January 31, 2023.

Consistent with current Commission policy, this update is being filed electronically only; paper copies will not follow. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Regards,



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Attachment

cc: DW 21-061 Service List