

**Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301**

RE: DW 21-090, Abenaki Water Company, Inc. and Aquarion Company, Petition for Approval of Acquisition of Abenaki Water Company by Aquarion Company.

Dear Director Howland:

I was unable to submit my petition to intervene in DW-21-090 within the prescribed time period. In lieu thereof, I respectfully request the Commission to consider my following comments and include them in this proceeding. I am a Bow, NH resident and customer of Abenaki Water Company. I am presently an intervenor in DW 20-112 Abenaki Water Company, Inc. Request for Change in Rates.

COMMENTS

1. The provisions of RSA Chapter 369:8 affords rate payers standards to prevent harmful acquisitions. In effect, Aquarian Water Company is seeking to circumvent these protections through an expedited acquisition process. The consequences of which will certainly adversely impact rates and services.
2. Abenaki Water Company has initiated a very substantial rate increase (DW 20-112). The Aquarian acquisition request must be thoroughly considered in conjunction with the potential impacts of the Abenaki rate case. Moreover, the motives of the Abenaki rate request must be closely scrutinized.
3. Aquarian Water Company asserts that there will be "no net harm" and that customers will benefit from their acquisition of Abenaki Water Company. Aquarian has generally referenced but not provided sufficient details and evidence of these benefits. In addition, they are neglecting the fact that they are indirectly supporting and may acquire a very substantial rate increase which will certainly harm Bow rate payers already paying extremely high rates.
4. I agree and support the testimony of the Bow intervenors and Office of Consumer Advocate as offered in both their petitions to intervene and the subsequent PHC of May 18, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
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