

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

RE: Docket No. DW 20-090  
Abenaki Water Company and Aquarion Water Company  
Joint Petition for Approval of Acquisition

Dear Chairwoman Martin:

The interveners on behalf of the Bow and Tioga Belmont Water Systems are in receipt of yesterday's filing by the Petitioners in the above-referenced proceeding. In their submission, the Petitioners represent that they will withdraw the currently pending Abenaki Water Company rate case, docketed as DW 20-112, upon the Commission making a "no adverse impact" determination in the instant proceeding – which, of course, would amount to a deemed approval of the proposed transaction pursuant to RSA 369:8, II.

The Interveners from Bow and Tioga find this proposal agreeable if the petitioners would agree to the following terms as well:

1. Upon the withdrawal of DW 20-112, ANY and ALL rate case costs associated with DW 20-112 are now moot and will NOT fall to the rate payers in this or any future rate case
2. The remediation plans to provide potable water in the Bow System will be carried out despite the ongoing acquisition by the deadlines provided. The last notice to the residents of Bow had a completion date for the arsenic treatment of 8/31/21.
3. The remediation plans to provide consistent, potable water and treat the Tioga Belmont system will be resolved by Year end 2021. A copy of the plans to address the water supply issues, including but not limited to the tank itself and line fitting issues, as well as quality issues with deadlines be presented to the Tioga Interveners.
4. During the rate case as well as the acquisition case, the intervenors heard multiple times over regarding the benefits of adding smaller systems together to a larger system to be more economical for both the company and the rate payers. In this Acquisition, NESC's Massachusetts's holdings are being consolidated with Aquarion in Massachusetts and similarly, NESC's Connecticut holdings are being consolidated with Aquarion in Connecticut. However, in NH, Abenaki is being discriminatorily excluded from the rate base of Aquarion customers in NH. The intervenors urge Aquarion to reconsider the organization arrangement for Abenaki's acquisition into Aquarion's rate base from both a regulatory standpoint and a financial standpoint.
5. Agreement that subsequent rate case would be filed no sooner than 1 year after Aquarion takes full ownership of Abenaki to allow for a complete year of test data under the new ownership.

The interveners appreciate both Aquarion's and Abenaki's willingness to work with us on these proceedings and look forward to having a more open line of communication going forward to solve issues before they escalate.

The representatives of Bow

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The representatives of Tioga Belmont

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