

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DW 21-090

ABENAKI WATER COMPANY, INC. AND AQUARION WATER COMPANY

**Petition for Approval of the Acquisition of Abenaki Water Company, Inc.
By Aquarion Water Company**

Procedural Order Re: Proposed Amended Procedural Schedule

On October 5, 2021, Abenaki Water Company, Inc. (Abenaki) and Aquarion Water Company (the Joint Petitioners) filed a request for the Commission to approve the following proposed amended procedural schedule:

Supplemental Testimony on the Transaction (Open to all parties)	October 8, 2021
Rolling Discovery Due, Set # 1	October 15, 2021
Data Responses Due, Set # 1 (Joint Petitioners' responses will be submitted on a rolling basis, 7 days from issuance)	October 22, 2021
Technical Session	Week of October 25, 2021
Hearing (Already Scheduled)	November 10, 2021
Written Comments/Briefs, as necessary	November 15, 2021

In their letter, the Joint Petitioners stated that they had been unable to achieve a consensus with the other parties regarding the proposed schedule. As the Joint Petitioners' October 5 letter requests the Commission to take an action, it was treated as an unassented-to motion, *see* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 102.08, and held for 10 days, pursuant to Puc 203.07(e). In the future, requests for Commission action must be filed as a motion or petition, consistent with the administrative rules.

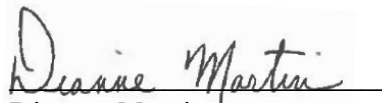
No objections to the proposed amended procedural schedule have been filed. The New Hampshire Department of Energy (Energy), however, filed a letter on October 11,

2021 requesting that the technical session be scheduled on October 25, 2021, because it is the only date that week that Energy is available.

It has been determined that the proposed amended schedule is in the public interest and, therefore, the foregoing amended procedural schedule is approved, with the following changes. The technical session is scheduled on Monday, October 25, 2021, and any written comments must be filed by November 10, 2021 and limited to 5 pages in length. As the proposed deadline for filing briefs is too close to the statutory deadline for the Commission's decision, any party who believes briefing is necessary should file a motion with the Commission by October 27, 2021, along with a proposed timeline providing for briefs and any responses to be filed no later than the November 10 hearing date. The November 10, 2021 hearing will be conducted in-person, in accordance with the attached hearing guidelines.

There has been no objection to the request to intervene filed by Kevin M. Monahan by email on June 1, 2021. In his request, Mr. Monahan stated that he is a Bow, New Hampshire resident and Abenaki customer, as well as an intervenor in Docket No. DW 20-112, Abenaki's pending rate case. Mr. Monahan's request to intervene is granted, based on a finding that the standard for intervention in RSA 541-A:32 has been met. *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17.

So ordered, this fifteenth day of October, 2021.


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