

Abenaki Water Company and Aquarion Company

DW 21-090

Aquarion Water Company's Responses to BOW (VSE)—Set 1

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REQUEST: **BOW (VSE) 1-8:** According to the response provided to Staff TECH 1-21 with regard to “NH Administrative Support, \$61.50/hour” it states: These charges are based off of market rates after researching such rates.

- a. Please provide said research or sources for determination
- b. According to Glassdoor salary search for administrative assistant the average is \$44695 or ~21.50 / hr. On the highest end at \$63,000 it equates to \$30.30/hr. Please explain what tasks require more than double the highest rate in the state, which is 1% on average higher than other parts of the country.
- c. What will be the proposed rate post acquisition?

RESPONSE:

- a. The research was conducted via phone calls with printing service companies based off of the anticipated demands of the Company.
- b. The \$61.50/hour rate includes salary and benefits for labor, printing and mailing out invoices and the use of certain NESC owned equipment in providing the services. Therefore, the comparison of this rate to the Glassdoor salary survey is not a relevant comparison.
- c. Aquarion has not drafted updated affiliate agreements as of the date of this filing, but would anticipate those agreements to be substantially similar to its existing agreements.