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Chairwoman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
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Re: Docket No. DW 21-093 (Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc.)
Petition for Franchise Expansion, Acquisition of Assets and Application of Existing Rates

Dear Chairwoman Martin,

On behalf of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services ("NHDES"), please accept this statement from NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau Administrator Brandon Kernen on the suitability and availability of water of the Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc. ("Aquarion") in relation to the above-referenced docket and RSA 374:22, III:

As set forth in the March 29, 2017, Administrative Order No. 17-006 WD (the "AO"), NHDES made a finding that Aquarion "has adequate water supply and system capacity to serve" the Wiggin Way homeowners association water system. AO at ¶ 82. In addition, NHDES made a finding that an extension of water service from Aquarion was the "most feasible and cost-effective option to address the Water System's arsenic and low water quantity issues." AO at ¶ 83. NHDES reaffirmed these findings during the appeal of the AO in 2019. Aquarion has been providing water to the Wiggin Way homeowners for the past four years. NHDES hereby confirms that Aquarion continues to meet all NHDES requirements for suitability and availability of water necessary to serve the Wiggin Way homeowners.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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