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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

Dianne Martin, Chairwoman New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

## Re: <u>For Public Filing</u> Petition of Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. for Approval of Financing from CoBank – Amendment Docket DW 21-129

Dear Chairwoman Martin:

On behalf of Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. please find this original amendment of the Petition of Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. for Approval of Financing from CoBank. This amended is filed in accordance with the Public Utility Commission's ("Commission") procedural order dated October 21, 2021 and PUC Rule 203.10. This amendment includes the following:

- 1. Amended Table of Contents
- 2. Amended PEU Petition, Pages 6-7, Paragraphs 14 and 15.
- 3. Amended Testimony of Larry D. Goodhue.
- 4. New Exhibit LDG-10, October 12, 2021 letter to TD Bank. [redacted]
- 5. New Exhibit LDG-11, October 21, 2021 email from TD Bank to PEU.
- 6. New Exhibit LDG-12, October 8, 2021 letter from PEU to Mr. Steven Bolton, City of Nashua (without attachments).
- 7. New Exhibit LDG-13, October 26, 2021 Agenda of the City of Nashua Board of Alderman.
- 8. Supplemental Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment.

PEU files the amended Petition, Pages 6-7, paragraphs 14 and 15 (both redlined and clean versions) to replace the existing Petition Pages 6-7. An amended Table of Contents (both redlined and clean versions) to replace the existing Table of Contents. PEU files the amended Testimony of Larry D. Goodhue (both redlined and clean versions) to replace the existing testimony at Page 14, lines 15-19, lines 22-23 and Page 15, lines 1-5 (redline) to include references to the new Exhibits LDG-10, LDG-11, LDG-12 and LDG-13. PEU attaches the new Exhibits LDG-10-13 for review.

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PEU provides the updated testimony and Exhibits LDG-10 and LDG-11 to satisfy the Commission's procedural order dated October 22, 2021 that requested that PEU supplement its petition to provide proof of consent of the proposed CoBank loan by its lender, TD Bank. PEU requested the consent by letter dated October 12, 2021, and received confirmation of TD Bank's consent by email dated October 21, 2021, in satisfaction of the procedural order.

PEU did request authorization for the proposed financing from the City of Nashua Board of Alderman by letter dated October 8, 2021, attached as Exhibit LDG-12. Due to an email filter issue, the City of Nashua only recently received the letter. The request for approval of the financing is scheduled to be heard by the Board of Alderman at the next scheduled meeting on October 26, 2021, see attached Exhibit LDG-13. PEU anticipates that the request will be heard by the Special Water Committee on November 3, 2021, and subsequently approved by the Board of Alderman at the next scheduled meeting on November 9, 2021.

Since PEU has provided the requested consent by TD Bank and the authorization by the City of Nashua is pending, PEU respectfully requests that the Commission issue an *Order Nisi* granting the proposed financing subject to the condition that PEU provide the Commission with authorization by the City of Nashua prior to the close of the *nisi* period.

In the event that the City of Nashua's authorization is delayed to the next scheduled Board of Alderman meeting on November 23, 2021, PEU will file such authorization timely with the Commission.

This request to amend the petition provides the Commission with supplemental information requested by its procedural order and is related to the pending petition and will not cause undue delay. This supplemental information does contain confidential information and a supplemental motion for protective and confidential treatment. The confidential version will be filed electronically to PUC, OCA and counsel of record and the public version will be filed electronically to the full service list. Both confidential and redacted copies of the document are enclosed with this filing.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

James Steinkrauss

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