

Environmental Law ■ *Utility Law*

November 12, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC AND MAIL DELIVERY

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

Re: DW 21-134 Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.

Petition for Emergency Temporary Rate

Revised Special Contract

Dear Chairwoman Martin:

In its order dated October 29, 2021, commencing this adjudicative proceeding, the Commission requested Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW) and Merrimack Village District (MVD) provide a draft special contract. PWW filed that draft contract on November 5, 2021. At the hearing held on November 8, 2021, PWW and MVD expressed that they might be able to overcome the obstacles to entering into a special contract. The parties have indeed overcome those obstacles and the attached fully signed special contract is presented for the Commission's consideration and approval.

Please note that the ending date of the contract has been extended to December 31, 2022 to accommodate any further unexpected construction delays that would prevent MVD from terminating its emergency temporary service on or before November 1, 2022. In its petition, PWW had initially believed that November 1, 2022 would be the expected termination date; that has now changed in light of MVD's needs.

At the November 8, 2021 hearing, PWW and MVD, as well as the Department of Energy indicated support for allowing the tariff to go into effect pending the review and approval of the special contract. To that end, PWW will file a supplemental petition to reflect these changing requests.

Lastly, PWW and MVD greatly appreciate the Commission's flexibility as PWW and MVD respond to this evolving health-based emergency.

Very Truly Yours,

Marcia aBrown

Marcia A. Brown

Enclosure: Signed Special Contract cc: Docket-Related Service List