# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### DW 21-134

### PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.

Petition for Emergency Special Contract with Merrimack Village District

Order Nisi Accepting Reconciliation of Special Contract Emergency Rates

ORDER NO. 26,840

#### June 7, 2023

In this order, the Commission accepts the revised reconciliation calculation submitted by Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW, or the Company) and approves the refund of \$46,881.63 to Merrimack Village District Water Works (MVD) pursuant to the Settlement Agreement (Settlement) between PWW, MVD, and the NH Department of Energy (DOE) and the special contract (Special Contract) between PWW and MVD approved in Order No. 26,597 on March 25, 2022 in this docket.

On January 31, 2023, pursuant to the Settlement, PWW filed an initial reconciliation of rates charged to MVD in the amount of \$18,506.06 under the Special Contract. On May 8, 2023, DOE filed an audit report and recommendations regarding PWW's reconciliation calculations. Pursuant to DOE's recommendations, PWW filed an updated reconciliation in the amount of \$46,881.63 on April 3, 2023.

The Commission has reviewed the filings submitted by PWW and DOE and finds that PWW's proposed refund to MVD in the amount of \$46,881.63 for volumetric charges and actual variable costs paid to PWW from October 20, 2021 through December 31, 2022, is properly determined.

#### Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

**ORDERED**, that subject to the effective date below, PWW's reconciliation of the initial and actual rates that Merrimack Village District paid from October 20, 2021

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through December 31, 2022, for emergency water supply service from Pennichuck Water Works under its Special Contract, as well as the reconciliation of the retail rate paid by MVD between October 20, 2021 and November 19, 2021, prior to the implementation of the initial emergency rate is ACCEPTED; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that Pennichuck Water Work's is authorized to credit Merrimack Village District in the amount of \$46,881.63, as submitted in its updated reconciliation calculation; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that PWW shall cause a copy of this order to be published once in a statewide newspaper of general circulation or of circulation in those portions of the state where operations are conducted, such publication to be no later than June 16, 2023, and to be documented by affidavit filed with this office on or before July 3, 2023; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that all persons interested in responding to this order be notified that they may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing which states the reason and basis for a hearing no later than June 23, 2023, for the Commission's consideration; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party interested in responding to such comments or request for hearing shall do so no later than June 30, 2023; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that this order shall be effective July 7, 2023, unless PWW fails to satisfy the publication obligation set forth above or the Commission provides otherwise in a supplemental order issued prior to the effective date.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this seventh day of June, 2023.

Daniel C. Goldner Chairman Pradip K. Chattopadhyay Commissioner

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