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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Docket No. DW 22-00 Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. Petition for Approval of 2022 Qualified Capital Project Adjustment Charge (QCPAC) <u>Notice of Appearance</u>

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Please enter my appearance in this docket on behalf of the Department of Energy, Division of Regulatory Support, pursuant to RSA 12-P:9. Please add Anthony Leone and Jayson Laflamme of the Department, and the Department's consultant Douglas Brogan, to the service list. Their emails are as follows:

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Please be advised that, consistent with the QCPAC filings in Dockets No. DW 21-022 and 21-023, the Department will conduct discovery examining the petition, and will request the Department's Audit Division to audit the filing. The Department will also direct an engineering review of the capital projects at issue for the purpose of determining whether the investments are prudent, and used and useful in the delivery of utility service to customers. The Department expects this filing to conclude with a Settlement Agreement between the Company and the Department that will be submitted to the Commission for its review. Finally, it is our understanding that the Commission will likely issue its final decision in an Order *Nisi*, with no hearing required.

Consistent with the Commission's *Temporary Changes in Filing Requirements* (March 17, 2020), this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

s/s Suzanne G. Amidon

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