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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
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Re: DW 22-032 Pennichuck Water Works Inc, Request for Change in Rates, *DOE*
comment with regard to PWW proposed tariff pages

Dear Chairman Goldner:

At the conclusion of the May 31, 2023 hearing, the Commission reserved Exhibit 7 for a record request to permit Pennichuck Water Works Inc. ("PWW" or "the Company") to file proposed tariff pages, as requested by the Company and the New Hampshire Department of Energy ("DOE" or "the Department"). Commission Procedural Order (June 1, 2023). PWW filed proposed tariff pages on June 8, 2023, and revised proposed tariff pages, a/k/a "Revised Exhibit 7" on June 12, 2023.

In the opinion of the Department, the benefit of proposed tariff pages lies in the opportunity for the parties to discuss them and potentially resolve concerns (if any) before raising any concerns directly with the Commission.

In this instance, because the hearing itself has concluded, the Department notes that it finds the rates and format proposed in PWW's Revised Exhibit 7 appropriate and consistent with the Settlement Agreement (dated May 10, 2023 and filed May 31, 2023), with one minor exception. The Department suggests that rather than omitting "Authorized by NHPUC Order No. 26,425 in Docket No. DW 19-084 dated November 24, 2020" it would be useful to retain the history, so that the footer for the compliance tariff might read "Authorized by NHPUC Order No. TBD in Docket No. 22-032 dated TBD; NHPUC Order No. 26,425 in Docket No. DW 19-084 dated November 24, 2020." Of course, any compliance tariff pages will conform to the terms approved by the Commission itself in the final order, and the Department will review compliance tariff pages in their entirety.

Consistent with the Commission's current practice, this letter is being filed in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,
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