

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DW 22-040 PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.

Petition for Approval of Amendment to Special Contract with Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.
COMMENCEMENT OF ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING AND NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

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I. BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

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II. ISSUES PRESENTED

The filing presents, inter alia, the following issue: whether special circumstances exist so that the Commission's approval of the proposed amendments to the special contract between PWW and PEU providing for rates different from the general schedules would be just and consistent with the public interest under RSA 378:18. Accordingly, an adjudicative proceeding will be convened to address this issue.

The Commission will be conducting the prehearing conference and any hearings scheduled in this matter in person. The Commission will consider requests to conduct hearings using a hybrid format to permit remote participation by a specific individual only if the Commission has determined that a sufficient reason has been provided for why that individual would be unable to attend in person. Any party requesting that a specific individual be permitted to participate remotely should file a written request with the Commission's Clerk's Office no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the prehearing conference or hearing date. If the Commission determines that one or more individuals will be permitted to appear remotely, then individuals in the Commission's hearing room, including the Commissioners, will be broadcast on a web-enabled platform.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that PWW's request to waive the requirements of Puc 1606.02(a)(1) is **GRANTED** pursuant to Puc 201.05; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that an adjudicative proceeding be commenced for the purpose of reviewing and resolving the foregoing issue pursuant to RSA chapter 541-A, RSA 378:18, and the Commission's procedural rules; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission will hold a prehearing conference, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15, at its offices located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on September 28, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., at which each party should be prepared to address any of the issues set forth in N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that during the prehearing conference, the Commission will consider the matters listed in Puc 203.15(c) and (d), including the establishment of a procedural schedule governing the remainder of the proceeding. Parties and potential parties are encouraged to facilitate the development of a procedural schedule by conferring prior to the prehearing conference, so that the presiding officer can address any matters on which there is disagreement during the prehearing conference. Any procedural schedule, however, will not be approved until after the prehearing conference and after consulting the Commission's calendar; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the prehearing conference, PWW shall make appropriate personnel available for the parties to hold a technical session to review the filing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any entity or individual may petition to intervene and seek to be admitted as a party in this proceeding. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any entity or individual seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to PWW and any other parties on the service list, on or before September 13, 2022. The petition shall state the facts demonstrating how the petitioner's rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before September 23, 2022; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that parties shall file any proposed exhibits, written testimony, motions, or other documents intended to become part of the record in this proceeding with the Commission. Pursuant to the secretarial letter issued on March 17, 2020, which is posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Secretarial%20Letters/20200317-SecLtr-Temp-Changes-in-Filing-Requirements.pdf>, all Commission rules requiring the filing of paper copies are suspended until further notice. Parties may elect to submit any filing in electronic form unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Filings will be considered filed as of the time the electronic copy is received by the Commission; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that routine procedural inquiries may be made by contacting the Commission's Clerk's Office at (603) 271-2431 or ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov. All requests to the Commission should be made in a written pleading filed with the Commission. Unless otherwise authorized by law, ex parte communications are prohibited; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, PWW shall notify all entities and individuals desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice no later than September 7, 2022, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before September 16, 2022. In addition, the Clerk shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than two business days after the date of issue; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any hearings in this matter shall be conducted in accordance with the attached hearing guidelines.

So ordered, this seventeenth day of August, 2022.

*Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
Pradip K. Chattopadhyay, Commissioner
Carleton B. Simpson, Commissioner*

Individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication aids due to sensory impairment or other disability should contact the NHPUC, 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429; 603-271-2431; TDD Access: Relay N.H. 1-800-735-2964. Notification of the need for assistance should be made one week prior to the scheduled event.

Legal Notice

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY NOTICE OF HEARING

PURSUANT TO RSA 270:43, A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PETITION TO PROHIBIT AND/OR RESTRICT RAFTING OF BOATS IN RAGGED ISLAND ON LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE IN TUFTONBORO, NEW HAMPSHIRE WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 AT 11:00 AM. THE HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE TUFTONBORO FREE LIBRARY, 221 MIDDLE ROAD (ROUTE 109A), CENTER TUFTONBORO, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03816.

THE SPECIFIC RESTRICTION REQUESTED IS TO ADOPT A RULE REGULATING RAFTING FROM THE END OF THE BREAKWATER AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF RAGGED ISLAND, EAST-SOUTHEAST TO A POINT LOCATED 150 FEET AT AN AZIMUTH OF 135 DEGREES DUE SOUTHEAST FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LITTLE PINE TREE ISLAND, NORTH TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BOOTH/LITTLE RAGGED ISLAND AND WEST-NORTHWEST TO THE EASTERNMOST POINT OF RAGGED ISLAND.

TESTIMONY WILL BE ALLOWED THAT IS RELEVANT TO THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

(1) THE SIZE OF THE BODY OF WATER OR PORTION THEREOF FOR WHICH RULEMAKING ACTION IS BEING CONSIDERED.

(2) THE EFFECT WHICH ADOPTING OR NOT ADOPTING THE RULE(S) WOULD HAVE UPON:

(A) PUBLIC SAFETY;
(B) THE MAINTENANCE OF RESIDENTIAL, RECREATIONAL, AND SCENIC VALUES;

(C) THE VARIETY OF USES OF SUCH BODY OF WATER OR PORTION THEREOF;

(D) THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER QUALITY;

(E) THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES.

(3) THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFFECTED, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY ADOPTING OR NOT ADOPTING THE RULE(S); AND

(4) THE AVAILABILITY AND PRACTICALITY OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE RULE(S).

PERSONS WISHING TO TESTIFY ARE URGED TO COORDINATE THEIR TESTIMONY TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OR REPETITION OF TESTIMONY. WRITTEN COMMENT MAY BE SUBMITTED. INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENT MAY DO SO WITHIN A PERIOD OF SEVEN (7) DAYS AFTER THE SCHEDULED HEARING BUT ANY COMMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAIL OR EMAIL BEFORE 4:15 PM ON OCTOBER 7, 2022.

AUTHORITY FOR HEARING: RSA 270:12, RSA 270:43, SAF-C 407 AND SAF-C 409.

ROBERT L. QUINN, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BY: CHRISTOPHER CASKO, BUREAU ADMINISTRATOR, DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY, BUREAU OF HEARINGS, 33 HAZEN DRIVE, CONCORD, NH 03305, TEL # 603-271-3486, EMAIL: SAFETY-HEARINGS@DOS.NH.GOV, SPEECH/HEARING IMPAIRED HELP LINE TTY/TDD RELAY: 1-800-735-2964

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Legal Notice

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Sherry Weinstein** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for American Neighborhood Mortgage Acceptance Company LLC, dated January 13, 2021 and recorded with the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds in Book 2137, Page 41, of which mortgage American Neighborhood Mortgage Acceptance Company, LLC is the present holder by assignment, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at **20 Ridge Avenue, Claremont, Sullivan County, New Hampshire** will be sold at a Public Auction at **2:00 PM on September 14, 2022**, being the premises described in the mortgage to which reference is made for a more particular description thereof. Said public auction will occur on the Mortgaged Premises.

For mortgagor's title, see deed recorded with the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds in Book 2137, Page 39.

NOTICE TO THE MORTGAGOR AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO PETITION THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE SITUATED, WITH SERVICE UPON THE MORTGAGEE, AND UPON SUCH BOND AS THE COURT MAY REQUIRE, TO ENJOIN THE SCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE.

THE AGENTS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS ARE:

AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD MORTGAGE ACCEPTANCE COMPANY, LLC, 1 Corporate Drive, Suite 360, Lake Zurich, IL 60047 and c/o The Research Connection Inc. of New Hampshire, 1 Old Loudon Road, Concord, NH 03301 (Mortgagee)

DOVENMUEHLE MORTGAGE, INC., C/O C T CORPORATION

SYSTEM 2 1/2 Beacon Street, Concord, NH 03301 (Mortgagee Servicer)

You can contact the New Hampshire Banking Department at 53 Regional Drive #200, Concord, NH 03301 Tel (603) 271-3561 and by email at nhbd@banking.nh.gov

FOR INFORMATION ON GETTING HELP WITH HOUSING AND FORECLOSURE ISSUES, PLEASE CALL THE FORECLOSURE INFORMATION HOTLINE AT 800-437-5991. THE HOTLINE IS A SERVICE OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BANKING DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS CALL.

LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES: The Mortgaged Premises shall be sold subject to any and all easements, unpaid taxes, liens, encumbrances and rights, title and interests of third persons of any and every nature whatsoever which are or may be entitled to precedence over the Mortgage.

NO WARRANTIES: The Mortgaged Premises shall be sold by the Mortgagee and accepted by the successful bidder "AS IS" AND "WHERE IS" and with all faults. Except for warranties arising by operation of law, if any, the conveyance of the Mortgaged Premises will be made by the Mortgagee and accepted by the successful bidder without any express or implied warranties whatsoever, including, without limitation, any representations or warranties with respect to title, possession, permits, approvals, recitation of acreage, hazardous materials and physical condition. All risk of loss or damage to the Mortgaged Premises shall be assumed and borne by the successful bidder immediately after the close of bidding.

TERMS OF SALE: To qualify to bid, bidders must register to bid and present to the Mortgagee or its agent the sum of Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) by certified check or other form of payment acceptable to the Mortgagee or its agent prior to the commencement of the public auction. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in full by the successful bidder by certified check within thirty (30) days from the date of the public auction, or on delivery of the foreclosure deed, at the option of the Mortgagee. The deposits placed by unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to those bidders at the conclusion of the public auction. The successful bidder shall execute a Memorandum of Foreclosure Sale immediately after the close of bidding. If the successful bidder fails to complete the purchase of the Mortgaged Premises, the Mortgagee may, at its option, retain the deposit as liquidated damages.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS: The Mortgagee reserves the right to (i) cancel or continue the foreclosure sale to such subsequent date or dates as the Mortgagee may deem necessary or desirable, (ii) bid upon and purchase the Mortgaged Premises at the foreclosure sale, (iii) reject any and all bids for the Mortgaged Premises and (iv) amend or change the terms of sale set forth herein by announcement, written or oral, made before or during the foreclosure sale. Such change(s) or amendment(s) shall be binding on all bidders.

Other terms to be announced at sale.
American Neighborhood Mortgage Acceptance Company, LLC
Present holder of said mortgage, by its Attorneys
Susan W. Cody
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
DOV 22-040176 Weinstein

Legal Notice

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By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Brendan J. McKenna** to LendUSA, LLC dba Regency Mortgage, dated March 31, 2017 and recorded with the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds in Book 3551, Page 509, as affected by Loan Modification Agreement as recorded in said Deeds in Book 3626, Page 2940, of which mortgage Federal National Mortgage Association is the present holder by assignment, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at **6 Pleasant Street, Unit No. E12 aka Building E, Unit No. 12, of the Hooksett Country View Condominium, Hooksett, Merrimack County, New Hampshire** will be sold at a Public Auction at **11:00 AM on September 14, 2022**, being the premises described in the mortgage to which reference is made for a more particular description thereof. Said public auction will occur on the Mortgaged Premises.

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3551, Page 506

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COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE
Superior Court Rule 4(d)**

LEGAL NOTICE Litchfield School District, Litchfield, NH Public Hearing - Acceptance of Grant Funds - RSA 198:20-b

The Litchfield School Board will hold a public hearing on the Acceptance and Expenditure of Federal ESSER II & III and State SEED Grant Funds, in accordance with RSA 198:20-b on September 7, 2022, at 6:00 PM at Litchfield Town Hall, Two Liberty Way, Litchfield, NH 03052

**Public Hearing - Acceptance of Health Premium Holiday Credits -
RSA 198:20-b**

The Litchfield School Board will hold a public hearing on the Acceptance of Health Insurance Premium Holiday Credits, in accordance with RSA 198:20-b on September 7, 2022, at 6:15 PM at Litchfield Town Hall, Two Liberty Way, Litchfield, NH 03052

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RSA 198:20-c**

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The Litchfield School Board

Case Name: **Santander Bank v Heirs, Devisees & Legal Representatives of Barry D. Brown**
Case Number: **219-2022-CV-00249**
Date Complaint Filed: August 17, 2022

A Complaint to Quiet Title to a certain tract of land with any attached buildings located in Milton, in the State of New Hampshire has been filed with this court. The property is described as follows: **116 Felker Drive, Milton, New Hampshire, as described in Strafford County Registry of Deeds at Book 3785, Page 0047**

The Court ORDERS:
Santander Bank shall give notice to Heirs, Devisees & Legal Representatives of Barry D. Brown of this action by publishing a verified copy of this Citation for Publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Union Leader, a newspaper of general circulation. The last publication shall be on or before October 07, 2022.

Also, **ON OR BEFORE**

30 days after the last publi-

cation - Heirs, Devisees & Legal Representatives of Barry D. Brown shall electronically file an Appearance and Answer or responsive pleading with this court. A copy of the Appearance and Answer or other responsive pleading must be sent electronically to the party/parties listed below.

October 28, 2022 - Santander Bank shall electronically file the Return of Publication with this Court. Failure to do so may result in this action being dismissed without further notice.

Notice to Heirs, Devisees & Legal Representatives of Barry D. Brown: If you are working with an attorney, they will guide you on the next steps. If you are going to represent yourself in this action, go to the court's website: www.courts.state.nh.us, select the Electronic Services icon and then select the option for a self-represented party. Complete the registration/log in process then select "I am filing into an existing case". Enter the case number above and click Next. Follow the instructions to complete your filing.

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Nicholas S. Frasca, ESQ., Frasca & Frasca, 2 Auburn St, Nashua NH 03064

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
August 23, 2022
Kimberly T. Myers
Clerk of Court

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(UL - Aug. 31; Sept. 7, 14)

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NASCAR PLAYOFFS: CUP SERIES DRIVERS AT A GLANCE

The NASCAR Cup Series playoffs open this weekend at Darlington Raceway in South Carolina. A look at the 16 drivers who reached the postseason, from the top seed to No. 16:

No. 9 Chevrolet, Hendrick Motorsports
 DRIVER: Chase Elliott
 BORN: Nov. 28, 1995
 HOMETOWN: Dawsonville, Georgia
 CREW CHIEF: Alan Gustafson
 TWITTER: @ChaseElliott
 NOTEWORTHY: NASCAR's most popular driver and the 2020 Cup champion leads the Cup Series this year with four victories and is the regular season champion. He's the top seed in the playoffs and opens the first round with a 15-point advantage.

No. 22 Ford, Team Penske
 DRIVER: Joey Logano
 BORN: May 24, 1990
 HOMETOWN: Middletown, Connecticut
 CREW CHIEF: Paul Wolfe
 TWITTER: @joeylogano
 NOTEWORTHY: Logano has wins at Darlington and Gateway this season. He also won the first race in the Next Gen car in The Clash, a preseason exhibition race at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Signed a long-term extension with Team Penske in August.

No. 1 Chevrolet, TrackHouse Racing
 DRIVER: Ross Chastain
 BORN: Dec. 4, 1992
 CREW CHIEF: Phil Surgen
 TWITTER: @rosschastain
 NOTEWORTHY: The eighth-generation watermelon farmer is a journeyman driver who finally got his big break this season when he was held over in Chip Ganassi Racing's sale to TrackHouse Racing. His two wins this season were on the road course at Circuit of the Americas and Talladega Superspeedway. Has angered many top Cup drivers with his aggressive driving style and the verb "Chastained" has developed for when Chastain crashes into another car.

No. 5 Chevrolet, Hendrick Motorsports
 DRIVER: Kyle Larson
 BORN: July 31, 1992
 HOMETOWN: Elk Grove, California
 CREW CHIEF: Cliff Daniels
 TWITTER: @KyleLarsonRacin
 NOTEWORTHY: A year after a record-breaking season in which he won 10 races and the Cup title, Larson has just two victories and angered teammate Chase Elliott at Watkins Glen by racing him off the track on the final restart. Larson limps into the playoffs coming off a DNF in the regular season finale.

No. 24 Chevrolet, Hendrick Motorsports
 DRIVER: William Byron
 BORN: Nov. 29, 1996
 HOMETOWN: Charlotte, North Carolina
 CREW CHIEF: Rudy Fugle
 TWITTER: @williambyron
 NOTEWORTHY: Byron needed a win in last year's regular season finale to make the playoffs but locked down his spot quickly this season with a win at Atlanta in the fifth race. He also won at Martinsville, site of the penultimate race

in the playoffs.
 No. 11 Toyota, Joe Gibbs Racing
 DRIVER: Denny Hamlin
 BORN: Nov. 18, 1980
 HOMETOWN: Chesterfield, Virginia
 CREW CHIEF: Chris Gabehart
 TWITTER: @dennyhamlin
 NOTEWORTHY: Has successfully juggled his driving career and his second season as owner of 23XI Racing while taking a leadership role in NASCAR. Has won this year at Richmond and the Coca-Cola 600. As an owner, guided 23XI driver Kurt Busch into the playoffs until Busch withdrew his spot because of concussion symptoms.

No. 12 Ford, Team Penske
 DRIVER: Ryan Blaney
 BORN: Dec. 31, 1993
 HOMETOWN: High Point, North Carolina
 CREW CHIEF: Todd Gordon
 TWITTER: @Blaney
 NOTEWORTHY: Blaney barely made the playoffs and edged Martin Truex Jr. for the final spot in the field on points. The two were locked into a points fight over the final month of the regular season as both were winless, but also high-ranking teams. Blaney's only win came in the non-points All-Star race, but his consistency ranked him in the top five in the regular-season standings all year. Signed a long-term contract extension with Team Penske in August.

No. 8 Chevrolet, Richard Childress Racing
 DRIVER: Tyler Reddick
 BORN: Jan. 11, 1996
 HOMETOWN: Corning, California
 CREW CHIEF: Randall Burnett
 TWITTER: @TylerReddick
 NOTEWORTHY: The two-time Xfinity Series champion earned his first career Cup victory with a win at Road America and then informed RCR he was leaving at the end of the 2023 season for 23XI Racing. He then added a second victory at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

No. 4 Ford, Stewart-Haas Racing
 DRIVER: Kevin Harvick
 BORN: Dec. 8, 1975
 HOMETOWN: Bakersfield, California
 CREW CHIEF: Rodney Childers
 TWITTER: @KevinHarvick
 NOTEWORTHY: Snapped a 65-race losing streak dating to 2020 with back-to-back wins at Michigan and Richmond in August that gave the 2014 champion momentum headed into the playoffs.

No. 20 Toyota, Joe Gibbs Racing
 DRIVER: Christopher Bell
 BORN: Dec. 16, 1994
 HOMETOWN: Norman, Oklahoma
 CREW CHIEF: Adam Stevens
 TWITTER: @CBellRacing
 NOTEWORTHY: Returns to the playoffs for the second consecutive year. Earned his berth with a win at New Hampshire with seven races remaining in the regular season.

No. 18 Toyota, Joe Gibbs Racing
 DRIVER: Kyle Busch
 BORN: May 2, 1985
 HOMETOWN: Las Vegas

CREW CHIEF: Ben Beshore
 TWITTER: @KyleBusch
 NOTEWORTHY: His only win of the season came on the dirt at Bristol Motor Speedway and Busch is statistically having an off year. He's also in the final year of his contract with Joe Gibbs Racing and his lack of plans for 2023 has been a major distraction to Busch.

No. 14 Ford, Stewart-Haas Racing
 DRIVER: Chase Briscoe
 BORN: Dec. 15, 1994
 HOMETOWN: Mitchell, Indiana
 CREW CHIEF: Johnny Klausmeier
 TWITTER: @chasebriscoe_14
 NOTEWORTHY: Earned his first playoff berth very early in the season when he won at Phoenix in the fourth race of the year. He joined former Xfinity Series rival Austin Cindric as first-time Cup race winners – a group that has since ex-

panded to include Ross Chastain, Daniel Suarez and Tyler Reddick.

No. 99 Chevrolet, TrackHouse Racing
 DRIVER: Daniel Suarez
 BORN: Jan. 7, 1992
 HOMETOWN: Monterrey, Mexico
 CREW CHIEF: Travis Mack
 TWITTER: @daniel_suarezg
 NOTEWORTHY: Is having the best season of his six-year Cup career. He scored his first career victory on the road course at Sonoma and is the only foreign-born driver in the playoff field.

No. 2 Ford, Team Penske
 DRIVER: Austin Cindric
 BORN: Sept. 2, 1998
 HOMETOWN: Mooresville, North Carolina
 CREW CHIEF: Jeremy Bullins
 TWITTER: @austincindric

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FURTHER ORDERED, that during the prehearing conference, the Commission will consider the matters listed in Puc 203.15(c) and (d), including the establishment of a procedural schedule governing the remainder of the proceeding. Parties and potential parties are encouraged to facilitate the development of a procedural schedule by conferring prior to the prehearing conference, so that the presiding officer can address any matters on which there is disagreement during the prehearing conference. Any procedural schedule, however, will not be approved until after the prehearing conference and after consulting the Commission's calendar; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the prehearing conference, PWW shall make appropriate personnel available for the parties to hold a technical session to review the filing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any entity or individual may petition to intervene and seek to be admitted as a party in this proceeding. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any entity or individual seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to PWW and any other parties on the service list, on or before September 13, 2022. The petition shall state the facts demonstrating how the petitioner's rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before September 23, 2022; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that parties shall file any proposed exhibits, written testimony, motions, or other documents intended to become part of the record in this proceeding with the Commission. Pursuant to the secretarial letter issued on March 17, 2020, which is posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Secretarial%20Letters/20200317-SecLtr-Temp-Changes-in-Filing-Requirements.pdf>, all Commission rules requiring the filing of paper copies are suspended until further notice. Parties may elect to submit any filing in electronic form unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Filings will be considered filed as of the time the electronic copy is received by the Commission; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that routine procedural inquiries may be made by contacting the Commission's Clerk's Office at (603) 271-2431 or ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov. All requests to the Commission should be made in a written pleading filed with the Commission. Unless otherwise authorized by law, ex parte communications are prohibited; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, PWW shall notify all entities and individuals desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice no later than September 7, 2022, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before September 16, 2022. In addition, the Clerk shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than two business days after the date of issue; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any hearings in this matter shall be conducted in accordance with the attached hearing guidelines.

So ordered, this seventeenth day of August, 2022.

Daniel C. Goldner
Chairman

Pradip K. Chattopadhyay
Commissioner

Carleton B. Simpson
Commissioner

Individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication aids due to sensory impairment or other disability should contact the NHPUC, 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429; 603-271-2431; TDD Access: Relay N.H. 1-800-735-2964. Notification of the need for assistance should be made one week prior to the scheduled event.

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August 26, 2022

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Friday, August 26, 2022

GOREN BRIDGE

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DRY KING DOWN

North-South vulnerable, East deals

NORTH
♠ Q 9 6 5 4
♥ K
♦ K Q 10
♣ A Q 9 8

WEST
♠ 8 2
♥ 10 8 5 4 2
♦ J 9
♣ 10 6 5 2

EAST
♠ A J 10
♥ A Q J 7 6 3
♦ 6 3
♣ K

SOUTH
♠ K 7 3
♥ Void
♦ A 8 7 5 4 2
♣ J 7 4 3

The bidding:
EAST 1♣ Pass
2♣ 3♣
All pass

SOUTH Pass
3♦ Pass
4♣ Pass

WEST Pass
3♦ Pass
Pass

NORTH Dbl
3NT
5♣

Opening lead: Eight of ♥

The language of bridge is a colorful part of our game. The same thing is expressed differently in different parts of the USA and around the world. A holding of Axxxx would be "ace fifth" to some, "ace empty fifth" to others, or "five to the ace", and

other terms also. In Commonwealth countries, it would be "ace to five". A singleton king to one would be a stiff king to another. In the American South, it is often referred to as a "dry" king.

Had South allowed three no trump to be the final contract in today's deal, the dry kings would have been very important. Would East lead the ace of hearts? Even if East led the queen of hearts, as would have been likely, declarer would still only have eight tricks. Would he have picked off the dry king of clubs? We'll never know.

South ruffed the opening heart lead and realized that West had a huge fit with his partner but had never bid. South was sure that West would have bid if he held a king, so he led a club to dummy's ace! Dry king down! South led a club to his jack and finessed West out his 10 of clubs. Five club tricks and six diamond tricks brought the contract home. Well done!

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Content Agency, LLC, 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001. E-mail: gorenbridge@aol.com)

SOLUTION:

6	9	8	1	5	3	7	2	4
3	5	7	8	4	2	1	9	6
2	4	1	7	9	6	3	8	5
7	6	4	3	1	8	9	5	2
9	2	5	6	7	4	8	3	1
1	8	3	5	2	9	6	4	7
8	1	6	2	3	5	4	7	9
5	3	9	4	6	7	2	1	8
4	7	2	9	8	1	5	6	3

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The State of New Hampshire is seeking Requests for Proposal under RFP 2023-01 for Morgue Renovations for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner. Please use the State of New Hampshire Purchasing Website <https://apps.das.nh.gov/bidscontracts/bids.aspx> for more information.

August 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF EPSOM

Town of Epsom Board of Selectmen

Notice of Public Hearing

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Town Office Meeting Room - 940 Suncook Valley Hwy Epsom, NH 03234

Per RSA 31:95-b, the Epsom Select Board will hold a Public Hearing to receive public input on the acceptance of unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$10,775.00 from the State of New Hampshire

August 26, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF BOSCAWEN NH

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Town Office, Thursday, September 1, 2022 from 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm for voter registration to the checklist for September 13th State Primary election. Last day to Accept voter registration.

No additions or corrections shall be made to the checklist until election day, except as provided in RSA 659:12, RSA 654:8.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Sherlene Fisher
Sarah Gerlack
Pam Hardy

August 26, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE Unclaimed Property Notice

The New Hampshire Historical Society requests that any person who may have knowledge of the whereabouts of the owner of a canoe inscribed "Lola" provide written notice to the Society. If a written assertion of the title is not presented by the owner to the Society within 90 days of 9/5/2022 the canoe shall be considered a donation and will become the property of the Society. Send written assertions to Museum Collections Manager, 30 Park Street, Concord, NH 03301.

August 26, September 2, 2022

In this order, the Commission approves a petition of Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW, or the Company), to borrow from the New Hampshire Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) principal loan amounts totaling \$540,000 for the Sweet Hill Community Water System Project (Sweet Hill Project) and the Twin Ridge Community Water System Project (Twin Ridge Project) in Plaistow. The projects will provide infrastructure upgrades and interconnections for the Sweet Hill and Twin Ridge community water systems.

The Petition and subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted to the Commission's website at puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2022/22-033.html

[See Order Here](#)

Petition for Approval of Amendment to Special Contract with Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.

On June 28, 2022, Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW) filed a petition requesting that the Commission approve an amendment to its existing special contract with Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU) pursuant to RSA 378:18. In support of its petition, PWW filed the direct testimony of Donald L. Ware, PWW's Chief Operating Officer, related attachments, a statement of special circumstances, a copy of the existing contract, and a copy of the proposed amendments. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are available on the Commission's website at www.puc.nh.gov/regulatory/Docketbk/2022/22-040.html.

[See petition here.](#)

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