

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In Re: City of Somersworth

PETITION PURSUANT TO RSA 362:4, III-a AND RSA 374:22 TO EXTEND WATER SERVICE AREA

NOW COMES the City of Somersworth, by and through its attorneys, Mitchell Municipal Group, P.A., and in petitioning to extend its water service area to one additional property in the Town of Rollinsford, states as follows:

1. The City of Somersworth currently provides water services to its residents.
2. This Commission has previously approved the extension of the City of Somersworth's water system to:
 - a. 39 residential customers in Rollinsford, see, Tariff NHPUC No. 1;
 - b. the manufacturing plant of Janco, Inc., on Goodwin Street in Rollinsford, see Re Somersworth Water Commission, 70 NH PUC 744, DE 85-268, Order No. 17,832 (8-30-85), and In Re: City of Somersworth, DW 12-272, Order No. 25,420 (10-5-12); and
 - c. four owners of residential property in Rollinsford with contaminated wells, see In Re: City of Somersworth, DW 12-272, Order No. 25,420 (10-5-12).
3. The City of Somersworth now seeks a further extension of its water services to one owner of residential property in Rollinsford who has requested the City of Somersworth to extend water service to his property because Rollinsford does not provide water service to this area of town. This property is: Brian Settele, on Kelwyn Drive, Tax Lot 5-20. The specific franchise area the City now seeks is limited to this one property to be served. The deed to this property is attached as Exhibit 1 and a

plan showing the proposed water extension is attached as Exhibit 2. The Somersworth City Council has voted to approve this extension, see Exhibit 3; and the Town of Rollinsford concurs with the City's request to establish the proposed franchise area. See Exhibit 4.

4. The City of Somersworth Division of Water has determined that the City of Somersworth water system contains sufficient capacity to accommodate this request and the addition will create no adverse effect on the existing water system or its current customers. See Letter from City Manager Robert M. Belmore, attached as Exhibit 3.

5. The City of Somersworth will provide service uniformly, and in accordance with its existing tariff, to all subscribers within the City of Somersworth and to the additional service area created in the Town of Rollinsford. See Letter from City Manager Robert M. Belmore, attached as Exhibit 3.

6. Adding to the existing service area will be in the best interest of the potential customers in the area proposed for addition.

7. Expansion of the water line will be funded by the proposed customer in the expanded service area, who will own the service line from the curb stop to his residence, so that approval of this request would also be in the best interest of the existing customers in that they will not endure any expansion cost. Additionally, the City of Somersworth water system has sufficient excess capacity built into its water system to accommodate this request for additional service.

8. Since service to the proposed new area will be on the same terms as provided within the current service area, and since no water utilities currently serve the area proposed for addition, the City of Somersworth respectfully suggests that expedited review of this request and Petition would be appropriate and would preserve

the PUC staff and commission time for more substantive matters.

WHEREFORE, the City of Somersworth respectfully requests that this Commission:

A. Exempt the City of Somersworth's request for extension from the formal review which may usually be required for expansion of a water utility service area, or grant such waivers of formal review as the PUC deems appropriate;

B. Approve the request for expansion, authorizing the City of Somersworth to engage in the supply of water services within the area designated in Exhibit 1 without being considered a public utility as provided by RSA 362:4; and

C. Grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF SOMERSWORTH

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