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### VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY ONLY

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, N.H. 03301

Re: DW 22-058 – Bedford Waste Services Corp.  
Permanent Rate Proceeding – Step 2 Compliance Filing

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Pursuant to the Commission's temporary electronic filing requirements, and pursuant to Order No. 26,884, dated September 12, 2023, Bedford Waste Services Corp. (Bedford) hereby files its Step 2 compliance filing.

As part of Bedford's October 17, 2022 permanent rate filing, docketed by the Commission as DW 22-058, Bedford requested approval of Step 2 to cover the actual cost of pump installations conducted in 2023 while the Commission's investigation of Bedford's permanent rate increase was pending. The Commission previously noticed Bedford's request of a Step 2 in its suspension order issued in DW 22-058. See Order No. 26,717, dated November 1, 2022. Parties conducted discovery on Bedford's Step 2 request. In a settlement agreement with the Department of Energy, Bedford agreed to limit the Step 2 to a total of three pump replacements in 2023. See Hearing Exhibit 6 in DW 22-058.

In Order No. 26,884, the Commission approved the scope of Step 2 as the actual costs associated with replacement of three (3) pumps in 2023. Also, in Order No. 26,884, the Commission ordered that documentation of those actual costs be filed with the Commission no sooner than January 2, 2024. This filing is that compliance filing.

Accordingly, Bedford has attached hereto copies of receipts documenting the costs of the one 2023 pump replacement. Bedford anticipates that the Commission and the Department of Energy will audit the 2023 pump replacement costs to ensure that the rate adjustment proposed in the tariff rate schedule is accurate. In total, the 2023 costs amount to \$4,128.91 and represent a \$947.17 and 1.29 percent increase over Bedford's approved revenue requirement. Bedford wishes to implement this rate increase effective with its second quarterly bill, due to be issued on April 1, 2024, since the pump will have been in service for nearly one year.

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With respect to notice to customers of the actual amount of Step 2, Bedford requests that the Commission issue an order *nisi* approving Step 2, rather than have Bedford incur the expense of a transcribed prehearing and hearing. Again, Bedford previously requested this Step in its rate case and parties fully vetted the scope of Step 2 in discovery and at hearing in DW 22-058. Bedford can notify its customers of the rate increase by posting the Commission's *nisi* order on its website and by providing notice in letter to customers along with the second quarterly billing. Further, Bedford does not believe that a formal procedural schedule is necessary. Upon review, if DOE and/or PUC or any party has questions and/or comments, they can be addressed with the Company and the Company will promptly respond. Bedford is trying to minimize rate case expenses associated with the step 2 increase to permanent rates.

Bedford looks forward to the Commission's review and approval of the Step 2 costs. As noted in the attached track-change and clean tariff page, Step 2 will result in an increase in customers' quarterly rate by \$3.03, from \$235.25 to \$238.28.

This Step 2 compliance filing consist of the following:

Cover letter

Schedule 1, Step 2 revenue requirement calculation

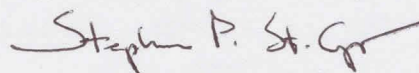
Schedule 2, Step 2 Report of Proposed Rate Changes

Supporting documentation for AAA Pump and Maznek costs

Track-change and clean tariff page

Thank you for your assistance with this filing. If you have any questions or comments, please call me at 207-423-0215.

Sincerely,



Stephen P. St. Cyr