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Re: Docket No. DW 23-020
Hampstead Area Water Company
Step II Rate Adjustment

To the Commission:

We are in receipt of the Settlement Agreement filed on September 8, 2023 in the above-referenced docket, entered into among the subject utility, the Department of Energy, and the towns of Atkinson and Hampstead. I write to advise the Commission that the Office of the Consumer Advocate supports the terms of the Settlement Agreement and declined to become a signatory merely because we were not involved in the negotiations that led to it. In these circumstances, we believe it is likely not necessary for the Commission to continue to reserve two days of evidentiary hearings for this docket.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns about the foregoing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DKreis".

Donald M. Kreis
Consumer Advocate

cc: Service List, via e-mail