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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: DW 23-020 The Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc., Request for Step II Adjustment,
DOE Addition to HAWC’s Joint Witness List, Filed Yesterday

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Yesterday the Hampstead Area Water Company (“HAWC” or “the Company”) filed a letter including a *Joint Witness List*, pursuant to the April 6, 2023 *Hearing Guidelines* in this docket.

In the opinion of the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE or Department), the *Joint Witness List* did not account for the Commission’s request to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services that it provide a witness for the limited purposes of providing “expert testimony” concerning “the Agreement Regarding Southern New Hampshire Regional Water Interconnection Project and an agreement between the DES and Manchester Water Works. . . .” See *Chairman Goldner’s Letter* filed September 14, 2023 in this docket.

Further, pursuant to HAWC’s letter to the Commission dated October 2, 2023, “. . . the Company received confirmation that Michael Unger, Water Engineer with NH DES will attend the October 11, 2023 hearing to provide testimony.” See *HAWC Letter* (filed Oct. 3, 2023); *Commission Procedural Order Re: Rescheduling the Hearing, Taking Administrative Notice of Prior Testimony, Requesting DES Attendance at Hearing, and Data Request* (filed September 12, 2023).

In the opinion of the Department, the *Joint Witness List* would therefore include a fifth individual:

“5. Michael C. Unger, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, at the request of the Commission on September 14, 2023, potentially to offer testimony regarding the Agreement Regarding Southern New Hampshire Regional Water Interconnection Project and an agreement between DES and Manchester Water Works. See *Chairman Goldner’s Letter* (filed September 14, 2023).”

Consistent with the Commission's current practices, this letter is being filed only in electronic form. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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