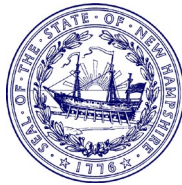


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Re: DW 23-020 Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. Request for Step II Adjustment -
New Hampshire Department of Energy's Assessment of the Company's Step 2 Compliance Tariff
filing

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") directed Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. ("HAWC" or "Company") to "submit properly annotated revised tariff pages within 15 days of the date of this order" in the above-referenced matter. *Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.*, Order No. 26,902 (November 8, 2023) at 14. On November 17, 2023, HAWC filed its annotated tariff pages. Order No. 26,902 further directed the NH Department of Energy ("DOE" or "Department") to review those pages and submit to the Commission "its assessment of the annotated changes within 10 days of the Company's submission." *Id.* Please accept this letter as the DOE's assessment.

DOE analysts have reviewed the Company's submission and find the language and rates included comport with the chart on Bates page 8 in the *Settlement Agreement – Step 2 Rates* filed into the docket as Tab #32, dated September 8, 2023, and approved by Order No. 26,902 at 11-12. In the opinion of the DOE, a minor edit is required. Additional text, underlined here for emphasis only, should be added to the footer, "and Order # 26,902 dated November 8, 2023 in Docket DW 23-020." By and through counsel, HAWC has agreed to make this change in an updated filing by the close of business on November 30, 2023. Following the update, the DOE would consider the Company's compliance tariff page "Seventh Revised Page 34" substantively compliant and ready for Commission consideration. See N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 1600.

Consistent with the Commission's current practice, this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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