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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission  
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Re: DW 23-020 Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. Request for Step II Adjustment,  
*DOE's Cover Letter with Confidential Packet, Filed Under Separate Cover*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

As explained in more detail in the letter filed with the Commission this date, enclosed please find the Department's CONFIDENTIAL Position Statement. Due to CONFIDENTIAL material, this updated version is being filed under separate cover. See DOE Letter (filed into the docket March 14, 2024).

Notwithstanding the Commission's recent Order in this docket, see *Order NiSi Approving Recovery of Step Expenses and Granting Motion for Confidential Treatment* (March 12, 2024), the Department is updating its filing to incorporate changes the Company made on March 7, 2024 to the Company's Response to DOE DR 4.7. The Company corrected what were "over-redactions" in HAWC's February 28, 2024 update, which made material the Company intended to remain legible, illegible. HAWC's improved redaction is reflected in DOE's CONFIDENTIAL filing. To distinguish this filing from DOE's prior "CONFIDENTIAL" filing, the attached CONFIDENTIAL DOE position statement is labeled "CONFIDENTIAL 3.14.24."

In addition, the bulk of material in HAWC's Response to DOE DR 4.7 remains redacted in both the "REDACTED" and "CONFIDENTIAL" filing because, as reported and corrected by the Company on February 28, 2024, the redacted materials are relevant to a private company, Lewis Builders, not HAWC. Therefore, the only bates pages in this CONFIDENTIAL filing that include substantive material that has not already been filed into the regular docket, and that therefore are correctly labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" in the header, are Bates pages 000017 and 000030. See DOE Letter (dated February 29, 2024) (reserving the right to raise any concerns regarding the accuracy and completeness of HAWC's revised [Feb 28] filing on or before March 14, 2024). The DOE emphasizes that the discovery responses themselves, and DOE's analysis, which relied upon HAWC's discovery responses, are unchanged.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*/s/ Mary E. Schwarzer*

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