

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DW 23-020

HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC.

Request for Step II Adjustment

Procedural Order Re: Response to Motion to Submit Video Evidence

On July 20, 2022, the Commission issued Order No. 26,635 approving a permanent rate settlement for the petitioner, Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC). The permanent rate settlement included two step adjustments. Step I was finalized by Order No. 26,809 (April 28, 2023). On March 1, 2023 HAWC filed a petition for the Step II adjustment. A final hearing on the Step II adjustment is scheduled for October 11, 2023.

Pursuant to a procedural order issued on September 12, 2023, the Commission requested the attendance of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) at the October 11 hearing. The Commission further took administrative notice of the testimony of Harold Morse, HAWC's president, which was part of Docket No. DW 19-147. The Commission also took administrative notice of the Southern New Hampshire Regional Water Interconnection Project and the agreement between DES and Manchester Water Works.

On September 18, 2023, Karen Steele (intervenor) filed a motion to submit video evidence at hearing. The evidence includes a March 19, 2019 recording of the Southern New Hampshire Regional Interconnection Project Presentation by DES.

The Commission will defer ruling on the admissibility of the video evidence until the October 11, 2023 hearing. Although the Commission is not bound by the rules of

evidence, the parties should be prepared to address the relevancy of proposed evidence and what, if any, probative value it would add to the current proceeding.

So ordered, this second day of October, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DANIEL C. GOLDNER", written over a horizontal line.

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