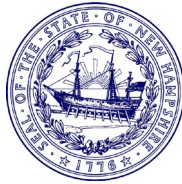


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July 11, 2024

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
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Re: Docket No. DW 23-101 Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. and Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc. – Joint Petition for the Consolidation of Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., Pennichuck East Utility, Inc., and Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc. – DOE Interim Report to Commission

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On March 4, 2024, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) approved a proposed assented-to procedural schedule, with the exception of the parties' proposed hearing dates, filed by Pennichuck East Utility, Inc., Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, and Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (collectively, the Joint Petitioners) on February 28, 2024. Included in the approved procedural schedule is a reporting date of July 11, 2024, for the Department of Energy (Department) to submit a report to the Commission regarding the interim status of the proceeding as of that date. The Department files this letter as its interim status report.

Over the past several months the Department and other parties have issued five rounds of data requests and engaged in two technical sessions regarding the petition. The Department has engaged in meaningful back and forth with the Joint Petitioners and the Department believes the parties remain on track to provide a determination on settlement or litigation on the September 12 deadline as set forth in the procedural schedule, after the September 5 technical session.

However, the Department is concerned with the City of Nashua's observed lack of participation in this proceeding. As the Department noted in its January 24, 2024 position statement in this docket, and in its Motion to Dismiss in Docket No. DW 23-088 dated December 15, 2023, given that any approval of the proposed consolidation by the Commission ultimately requires a vote by the City of Nashua, the owner of the three utilities, the Department believes the City's participation is an important element to

any resolution of this matter. The Department reiterates its concerns regarding the City of Nashua's ultimate decision-making authority. Additionally, should any Commission approved merger not receive approval from the City, the Department also reiterates its intention to oppose recovery of any rate case or merger related expenses from ratepayers.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew C. Young". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "Y" and "U".

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