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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: Petition of Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., Pennichuck East Utility, Inc., and Pittsfield Aqueduct Company Inc., for Approval of a Consolidation of Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. and Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc. with Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. and Consolidated Rates – Docket No. DW 23-101
Request for Procedural Schedule Change**

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On July 29, 2024, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) approved the assented-to request to amend the procedural schedule previously filed by Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., Pennichuck East Utility, Inc., Pittsfield Aqueduct Company (collectively “Joint Petitioners”) filed on February 28, 2024 that was approved on March 4, 2024. On September 12, 2024, the Department of Energy (“Department”) filed a recommendation that the parties pursue the settlement track for the current schedule approved on March 4, 2024, as amended on July 29, 2024. In light of ongoing settlement discussions between the parties, the Joint Petitioners request to amend the procedural schedule to provide additional time for filing supplemental testimony, discovery and negotiations. The Joint Petitioners, with the assent of the Department, Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”), and intervenors, City of Nashua, Town of Bedford, Town of Londonderry and Town of Litchfield, request the following changes to the approved procedural schedule:

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1855 Elm Street
Manchester NH 03104
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	<u>Current Date:</u>	<u>Proposed Dates:</u>
Joint Petitioners File Supplemental Testimony	N/A	September 26, 2024
Propose Hearing Dates to the Commission	September 30, 2024	September 30, 2024
Status Conference at 9:00 AM	October 16, 2024	October 16, 2024
Set 7 Data Requests	September 19, 2024	October 10, 2024
Set 7 Responses	September 26, 2024	October 17, 2024
Set 8 Data Requests	September 19, 2024	October 24, 2024
Set 8 Responses	September 26, 2024	October 31, 2024
File Settlement Agreement	October 31, 2024	December 3, 2024
Hearing on the Settlement Merits (1 Day)	November 18, 2024	December 17, 18, or 19, 2024

The relief requested is consistent with PUC 203.13 requirements because the above-referenced schedule will ensure all parties have sufficient time to review the issues thoroughly, allow the Joint Petitioners to file supplemental testimony, conduct discovery, and provide additional time for the parties to negotiate terms, and file a comprehensive settlement agreement with the Commission. The Joint Petitioners believe this requested schedule will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the petition and matter. This schedule proposes to amend the settlement filing date to December 3, 2024, and hearing on the merits for the settlement on December 17, 18, or 19th. There will be no undue hardship placed on the Joint Petitioners or parties if the amended schedule is approved.

This filing does not contain any confidential materials and is made electronically. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



James J. Steinkrauss

Cc: Docket Service List (via electronic mail)