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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, N.H. 03301

Re: DW 23-101 - Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.; Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.;
Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc.
Joint Petition for Merger of Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. and Pittsfield Aqueduct
Company, Inc. into Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. and for Approval of Rates
Request to Cancel Status Conference

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Pursuant to the Commission's temporary filing requirements dated March 17, 2020, the parties in this proceeding hereby electronically file this request to cancel the status conference scheduled for January 2, 2025 at 1 PM.

On March 4, 2024, the Commission approved the parties' proposed procedural schedule. In that order, the Commission also added a status conference to discuss the evidence to be produced at hearing, the order of witnesses, and other prehearing matters. The Commission set October 16, 2024 as the date for the status conference.

On July 29, 2024, the Commission approved the parties' request to amend the procedural schedule. No change was made to the status conference.

On October 15, 2024, the Commission rescheduled the status conference to December 12, 2024.

On December 5, 2024, the Commission granted the parties' request to postpone the filing of the settlement agreement until December 11, 2024. In that order, the Commission rescheduled the December 12, 2024 status conference to January 2, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

On January 5, 2024, the Commission issued hearing guidelines for this matter which specifies that hearing exhibits and witness lists shall be filed at least 5 business days prior to the date of the hearing. The hearing is set for January 14, 2025. Therefore, the parties will be providing the Commission with an agreed-to list of pre-numbered exhibits and witness lists on or before January 7, 2025. In that agreed-to list of witnesses and exhibits, the parties will be proposing an order and composition of witness panels that will facilitate the orderly presentation at hearing of the agreed-to settlement agreement along with other exhibits. The parties will also take care to structure their presentation to avoid

disclosure of confidential materials at hearing and thereby avoid the cumbersome process of creating public and non-public records of the hearing.

The parties are not aware that there are any other issues to discuss prior to hearing. Therefore, the parties believe they are ready to prepare for hearing and that no additional status conference is needed. The parties believe the status conference was left over from a time in the procedural schedule when the parties did not know if they would reach settlement. If litigated, there would have been more logistics to discuss at a status conference before a hearing. But that is not now the case.

For these reasons, the parties do not believe a status conference is needed and respectfully request that the Commission cancel the status conference scheduled for January 2, 2025.

The Town of Londonderry, Town of Litchfield, Town of Bedford, and City of Nashua, Office of the Consumer Advocate, and Department of Energy join with Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., Pennichuck East Utility, Inc., and Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc. in this request.

Thank you for the Commission's consideration of this request.

Very Truly Yours,



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cc: Electronic Docket Related Service List for DW 23-101