STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DW 20-117

HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC.

Request for Change in Rates

Procedural Order Re: February 22, 2023 Hearing

In a Procedural Order issued on October 18, 2022, the Commission scheduled a three-hour hearing on February 22, 2023 regarding Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.'s (HAWC) request for approval of the Step I Adjustment. The October 18 Procedural Order stated that this hearing would be conducted in person, in accordance with the attached hearing guidelines. The hearing guidelines issued on October 18, 2022 required the parties to file their witness and exhibit lists "at least 5 business days prior to the date the hearing is scheduled." The hearing guidelines also stated that "[f]ailure of the parties to follow [the hearing exhibits] requirements may result in postponement of the hearing."

On January 25, 2023, HAWC filed a settlement agreement. Although the witness and exhibit lists were due by February 14, 2023, HAWC only filed the parties' joint witness and exhibit lists today, February 17, 2023. HAWC further noted in its February 17 filing that it had not heard from the Office of the Consumer Advocate, the Town of Atkinson, the Town of Hampstead, or intervenor Town of Danville.

Given the February 20, 2023 state holiday, the Commission does not have sufficient time to review these filings, as anticipated by the hearing guidelines. Therefore, the Commission is rescheduling the February 22 hearing to the next available date on the Commission's hearings calendar, which is <u>April 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.</u> Three hours are allotted for this hearing, which shall be conducted in accordance with the hearing guidelines issued on October 18, 2022.

So ordered, this seventeenth day of February, 2023.

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Presiding Officer

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