# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### DW 21-093

### AQUARION WATER COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.

Petition for Approval of Franchise Expansion, Acquisition of Assets, and Application of Existing Rates

# **SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE**

On May 10, 2021, the Commission issued an Order of Notice scheduling a web-enabled remote prehearing conference on July 28, regarding Aquarion's petition for approval of a franchise expansion into a limited area of the Town of Stratham, approval of a contract between Aquarion and the Wiggin Way/Winterberry Homeowners' Association for the acquisition of water distribution infrastructure, and the application of Aquarion's existing tariffed rates.

This supplemental order of notice updates the previous notice due to the expiration of the declared State of Emergency on June 11, 2021. With the expiration of the State of Emergency, the Commission must now comply with all requirements of RSA chapter 91-A, including the requirement that a quorum of a public body must be physically present at the location specified as the location of the public meeting in the meeting notice. The Commission is aware that not all parties, including regulated utilities, have returned to full in-person work environments.

Therefore, for the foreseeable future, the Commission intends to provide a hybrid approach to hearings to accommodate those who are remote and those who are physically present. A quorum of commissioners will be physically present within a hearing room for all Commission hearings beginning June 14, 2021. In order to facilitate the hybrid approach, all parties participating in the hearing room will continue to participate on the web-enabled platform. Parties and the public may continue to participate in hearings remotely using the Commission's web-enabled platform.

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# Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

**ORDERED**, that the Commission will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at its offices located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on July 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Commissioners will be present in the hearing room and will use a web-enabled platform to conduct the hearing. Members of the public who wish to access the hearing remotely may do so by <u>clicking here</u>: **If you have any difficulty obtaining remote access to this hearing, please notify the Commission by calling (603) 271-2431 as soon as possible**. Parties and members of the public wishing to attend the hearing in person are encouraged to register in advance, on or before July 26, 2021, by calling (603) 271-2431; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, Eversource shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at the July 28, 2021 hearing by publishing a copy of this supplemental order of notice on its website no later than July 5, 2021, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before July 17, 2021. In addition, the Commission shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than July 5, 2021.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this thirtieth day of June, 2021.

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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