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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
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October 25, 2017

Re: DW 17-128 Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.  
Request for Change in Rates  
Withdrawal of Rate Filing

To the Parties:

On October 16, 2017, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU) filed a motion to withdraw its September 26, 2017 rate case filing after Commission Staff identified errors in the filing. PEU states that withdrawing and replacing the filing will "lead to less confusion and provide for a more comprehensive filing." In order to refile its rate case, PEU also requests a waiver of Puc 1604.05 requiring a utility to file a proposed rate schedule between 30 and 60 days after a notice of intent has been filed. PEU filed its notice of intent on August 16, 2017. According to PEU, a new rate case filing was made on October 18, 2017, 62 days from August 16. PEU represents that Commission Staff assents to the relief requested.

Pursuant to Puc 201.05, the Commission may waive a rule if it finds a waiver serves the public interest and does not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission. A waiver request requires consideration of whether compliance with the rule would be onerous given the circumstances. The Commission has determined that the standards for waiver are satisfied here. Accordingly, the Commission has granted a waiver of Puc 1604.05 in order to allow PEU to refile rate case schedules on October 18, 2017 and considers the September 26<sup>th</sup> rate case filing withdrawn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

Cc: Service List/Docket File