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February 23, 2021

Re: DW 20-112, Abenaki Water Company, Inc.
Request for Change in Rates
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On February 1, 2021, the Commission held a duly noticed prehearing conference in the above-referenced matter. Appearances were entered by Abenaki Water Company, Inc. (Abenaki), the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), and Commission Staff (Staff). The Commission took under advisement the petitions to intervene filed by Jeff Phillips, James Cook, Gene Preul, Cristy Bresson on behalf of herself and the residential customers in Village Shore Estates Association, Robert Carchia, Kevin and Janet Monahan, Diana Staples, Matthew Gatzke and Sandra Crystall, Alan and Sharon Burgess, Jared and Jennifer Sadeck, Kristen and Mike Lang, Susan and Richard Rudolf, George Woodruff (intervention requested orally), Dawn Tinsley, Cathy Collette, Carolyn Bancroft, Barbara Hayes, Peter Spain, Tyler and Jennifer Speck, and Benjamin LeVasseur.

Following the prehearing conference, Abenaki, the OCA, Staff, and petitioners for intervention met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule, which Staff submitted to the Commission by letter dated February 16, 2021:

Temporary Rate Proceeding

Deadline to File Settlement	March 24, 2021
Hearing on Temporary Rate Settlement	March 31, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Permanent Rate Proceeding

Data Requests – Set 1	February 17, 2021
Responses – Set 1	March 3, 2021
Data Requests – Set 2	March 16, 2021
Responses – Set 2	March 30, 2021
Technical Session ¹	April 20, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
Responses to Technical Session Data Requests	April 27, 2021
Staff Report to Update or Provide Further Procedural Schedule (if necessary)	May 4, 2021

Settlement Track

Deadline to File Settlement	June 24, 2021
Hearing on Permanent Rate Settlement	July 1, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

¹ Any technical session held in a Commission proceeding may potentially involve settlement discussions, which will be restricted to participation by parties only and must be treated as confidential and not disclosed, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.20(a).

Litigation Track

Staff and Intervenor Testimony	August 31, 2021
Data Requests – Staff and Intervenor Testimony	September 14, 2021
Responses – Staff and Intervenor Testimony	September 28, 2021
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	October 5, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.
File Settlement or Rebuttal Testimony	October 26, 2021
Hearing on Permanent Rates	November 2-4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m

No objections to any of the written or oral petitions to intervene were filed. Accordingly, the Commission has granted the foregoing written requests to intervene, finding that the applicable standard for intervention in RSA 541-A:32 has been met. Further, the Commission has waived the requirements of New Hampshire Administrative Rules Puc 203.17 and 203.02 and granted Mr. Woodruff's oral petition to intervene, finding that the standard for intervention in RSA 541-A:32, II has been satisfied.

Following the technical session, Staff reported that the customers requesting intervention have agreed to coordinate their presentations in this docket in two groups: one composed of customers of the Bow Water system and the other composed of customers of the Tioga Belmont Water system. Ms. Bresson and Ms. Speck have agreed to act as representatives for the Village Shore Estates Association served by the Bow water system, and Messrs. Phillips and Woodruff have agreed to act as representatives for the group of customers served by the Tioga-Belmont water system. The Commission has decided to require the consolidation agreed to by the parties and authorizes their representatives in order to improve the efficiency of this proceeding pursuant to RSA 541-A:32, III(c) and Commission Rule Puc 203.16.

The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and, therefore, has approved it. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this secretarial letter as its prehearing order.

Very truly yours,



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