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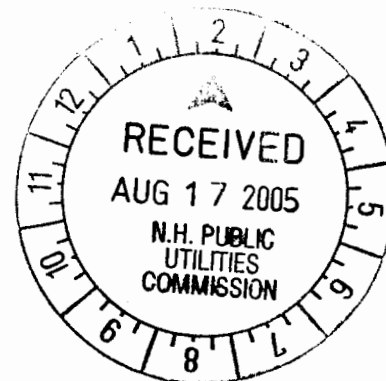
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Re: DW 04-048 City of Nashua—Taking of Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.
Motion for Rehearing - Retraction

Dear Ms. Howland:

Staff would like to withdraw its letter dated August 16, 2005 with regards to its positions of the August 15, 2005, Motions for Reconsideration and/or Rehearing Regarding Order No. 24,488 and Order No. 24,489, filed by Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW).

In the cover letter accompanying the Motion regarding Order No. 24,488, counsel for PWW states that Staff concurs with the Motion. This statement is correct. With respect to the motion addressing Order No. 24,489, Staff concurs that the Commission should provide clarification on the extent to which parties not submitting testimony may participate in discovery and at hearing. Staff takes no position with respect to the remainder of the Motions.

The Staff apologizes for the confusion that the previous letter may have caused. Thank you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marcia A. B. Thunberg".

Marcia A. B. Thunberg
Staff Attorney/Hearings Examiner

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