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February 22, 2005

Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

Re:

DW 04-048

City of Nashua - Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.

Dear Ms. Howland:

For filing with the Commission, I have enclosed the original and 8 copies of the Town of Merrimack's Joinder with the Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.'s Motion for Reconsideration and/or Rehearing of Order No. 24,425 relative to the above entitled matter.

Sincerely.

Edmund J. Boutin

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Service List

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILLITIES COMMISSION

City of Nashua: Taking of Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.

Docket No. DW 04-048

Joinder of the Town of Merrimack with Motion for Reconsideration and/or Rehearing of Order No. 24,425

The Town of Merrimack hereby joins the Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. ("PWW") in the foregoing motion for reconsideration and/or rehearing of Order No. 24,425 for the following reasons:

- 1. The Town of Merrimack has not as yet expressed a position in the pending proceeding involving the taking of all or some of the PWW property or franchise now pending before the Public Utilities Commission ("the Commission"). However, it has expressed skepticism as to some of the claims in support thereof made by the City of Nashua.
- 2. The PWW motion for reconsideration and/or rehearing stated that the Town of Merrimack was opposed to the motion.
- 3. At the time that consent was sought, Merrimack had not yet seen the complete motion. After having examined the complete motion the Town of Merrimack now joins therewith.
- 4. A substantial part of the franchise and utility property sought to be acquired by Nashua is located in Merrimack and serves the main industrial area of the Town,

including PWW's largest customer and one of Merrimack's largest employers, the

Anheiser-Busch Brewery.

5. Order No. 24,425 allows Nashua to continue this eminent domain proceeding

as against PWW franchise and property in the Town of Merrimack, notwithstanding that

the Merrimack voters have never had the opportunity to vote to authorize the taking of

such property.

6. Merrimack, accordingly, has a vital interest in protecting its citizens and to

ensure that they are not disenfranchised by Nashua's arbitrary action in following the will

of a small portion of its electorate and pursuing the taking of PWW property, both in

Nashua and in Merrimack.

7. The arguments set forth in the PWW motion for reconsideration and/or

rehearing addressed these issues further and need not be replicated here.

WHEREFORE, the Town of Merrimack respectfully requests that the

Commission reconsider or grant a rehearing regarding the foregoing issues and grant such

other and further relief as may be just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWN OF MERRIMACK

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Date: February 22, 2005

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Edmund J. Boutin, Esquire, hereby certify that a copy of this joinder with the motion for reconsideration and/or rehearing of Order No. 24,425 has been forwarded to the parties listed on the Commission's service list in this docket.

Date: February 22, 2005

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