



Merrimack River Watershed Council, Inc.

The Voice of the Merrimack

July 27, 2004

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
8 Old Suncook Road
Concord, NH 03301



**Re: DW 04-048; City of Nashua Petition to Determine The Fair Market Value
Of Pennichuck Water Works, Pennichuck East Utilities, and Pittsfield
Aqueduct Company.**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-captioned docket are an original and eight copies, along with an electronic copy on a computer disk in Word format, of The Merrimack River Watershed Council, Inc. Petition to Intervene.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Coughlin, President
Merrimack River Watershed Council, Inc.

Enclosures

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Petition to Intervene of
The Merrimack River Watershed Council, Inc.

Pursuant to New Hampshire Admin. Rule 203.02, The Merrimack River Watershed Council, Inc. states the following:

1. The Merrimack River Watershed Council, Inc. (MRWC) was incorporated effective December 5, 1977 (N.H. state registration #49986) formed for purposes which include:
 - (A) working for the restoration and maintenance of clean water, and the wise use and proper management of water and other related natural resources in the Merrimack River Watershed (Articles of Organization, 2)
 - and
 - (B) promoting these purposes through coordination of similar efforts by other organization, individuals, public agencies, and public officials (Articles of Organization, 4).



2. The Merrimack River Watershed Council, Inc. (MRWC) has performed a Water Demand Analysis 2002 on the Merrimack River Watershed which passes through central and southern New Hampshire and Northeastern Massachusetts, and is a vital natural resource sustaining plants, wildlife and humans.
3. The Pennichuck Water Works withdraws water from the Merrimack River in Merrimack, New Hampshire; treats and distributes this water resource regionally, including distribution throughout New Hampshire and into Massachusetts.
4. The Merrimack River Watershed Council, Inc. (MRWC) has concerns regarding Pennichuck Water Works withdrawals from the Merrimack River and the continued expansion of the Pennichuck Water Works distribution system, especially over state lines into Massachusetts.
5. Sustainability of water resources of the Merrimack River itself and of the underlying aquifer of the Merrimack River Watershed, through proper natural resource management is of prime importance with respect to such an important and vital commodity.
6. For these reasons stated above, The Merrimack River Watershed Council, Inc. requests that the Commission grant its Petition to Intervene as a full party.

Respectfully submitted,

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