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Re:

Docket DW 04-048

City of Nashua – Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. Petition for Valuation Pursuant to RSA 38:9

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Dear Ms. Howland:

I enclose for filing, herewith, an original and 8 copies, along with an electronic copy on a computer disk in word format, of Motion To Compel by the City of Nashua.

A copy of this letter and the above Motion has been mailed to all persons on the attached service list.

Very truly your

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PLANT AND PROPERTY OF PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC., PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY, INC., AND PITTSFIELD AQUEDUCT COMPANY, INC.

DOCKET NO. DW 04-048

MOTION TO COMPEL

The City of Nashua ("Nashua") respectfully moves the Public Utilities

Commission to compel Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., ("PWW") to respond to Nashua's

Data Requests # 1-47, 1-59, 1-60, 1-62, 1-64, 1-66, 1-67, 1-68, 1-69, 1-70 and 1-71. In

support of its Motion Nashua says as follows:

- Nashua propounded its First Set of Data Requests to PWW on May 3, 2005
 pursuant to the Procedural Schedule.
- 2. PWW has submitted Objections and Responses to Nashua's Data Request.
 Copies of those portions of PWW's Objections, which are the subject of this
 Motion, are attached as Exhibit A. Copies of those portions of PWW's
 Responses, which are the subject of this Motion are attached as Exhibit B.
- As set forth herein, PWW has failed to provide Nashua with certain documents and other information that are necessary for Nashua's evaluation

- of issues in this proceeding, including the testimony to be filed by PWW regarding public interest, valuation and/or other issues under RSA 38.
- 4. Puc 204.04 provides for the submission of Data Requests in this proceeding "as necessary to evaluate a petition, application or testimony." While PWW has not yet submitted its testimony in this proceeding, Nashua's Data Requests are directly related to the issues of valuation and public interest to be considered by the Commission in this proceeding. As a result, the information requested by Nashua is necessary for Nashua's full and fair participation in this proceeding. Moreover, the documents information sought by Nashua will likely assist the Commission in its own evaluation of the issues under RSA 38.
- 5. Nashua's Data Request 1-47 seeks the cost of capital for the Pennichuck companies, with or without PWW, indicating the breakdown between equity and debt. PWW's response incorporated its Objections and then noted that the Commission had not made a determination of the cost of capital in PWW's last rate case citing Order No. 24,465.
- 6. The cost of capital for the Pennichuck companies is a critical component to any evaluation of value using the income method for the property to be acquired under RSA 38. While PWW argues that no determination of the cost of capital was made in its recent rate case, that argument has no bearing on this proceeding: PWW has a cost of capital and should be compelled to provide information regarding the cost of capital for the Pennichuck companies, as set forth in Data Requests 1-47.

- 7. Nashua's Data Requests 1-59, 1-60, 1-62 and 1-64, all relate to appraisals, valuations and opinions of value for PWW's property prepared from 1999 to the present. PWW's responses to these Data Requests incorporated its Objections and did not provide any of the information requested.
- 8. PWW's prior appraisals of its property are clearly relevant and necessary for a full and fair determination of the value of property to be acquired by Nashua in this proceeding under RSA 38. In Appeal of Public Service Company of New Hampshire, 120 NH 830, 832, 833, the New Hampshire Supreme Court held that prior valuations were matters in evidence relevant to the determination of value by a trier of fact in a tax abatement appeal. Because there is no rigid formula which can be used to determine fair market value, any evidence of value may be considered by the Commission in establishing the value of PWW under RSA 38:9. New England Power v. Littleton, 114 NH 594, 599 (1974).
- 9. PWW has not articulated any legitimate basis in its Objections for refusing to provide the requested appraisals, valuations, opinions of value, fairness opinions or reports requested in the Data Requests. As a result, PWW should be compelled to provide the information set forth in Nashua's Data Requests 1-59, 1-60, 1-62 and 1-64.
- 10. Nashua's Data Request 1-66, 1-67, 1-68, 1-69, 1-70 and 1-71 seek the identity and information concerning any experts on the issue of valuation consulted by PWW. Like the prior appraisals of PWW's property, this information is

11. PWW has not articulated any legitimate basis in its Objections for refusing to provide the requested information concerning its expert witnesses. If the basis for the objection is that it has not yet retained such an expert, it should be required to disclose that it has not and to supplement its responses when the requested information becomes available. As a result, PWW should be compelled to provide the information set forth in Nashua's Data Requests 1-66, 1-67, 1-68, 1-69, 1-70 and 1-71.

WHEREFORE, the City of Nashua respectfully moves the Commission to:

- a. Compel PWW to respond to Nashua's Data Requests as set forth herein;
 and
- b. Grant Nashua such other and further relief as justice may require.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 15, 2005

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion to Compel was this day forwarded to all persons on the attached Service List.

Robert Upton, II