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Dear Commissioners:

The Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) requests to be granted full intervenor status in the proceedings related to the Petition for Valuation by the City of Nashua for Pennichuck Water Works, Inc., Pennichuck East Utilities, Inc., and Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc. (Docket DW 04-048).

NRPC should be allowed to intervene due to its role as a regional planning commission, pursuant to RSA 36:45-53. Under state law, regional planning commissions are a political subdivision of the state and are charged with the responsibility of representing the planning interests of their region and member communities. NRPC represents twelve communities in the Nashua metropolitan area. We have a total of 40 commissioners who are appointed by the Boards of Selectmen/Aldermen. Eight of our communities contain a significant public water system customer base served by Pennichuck Water Works or Pennichuck East Utilities.

Water demand, supply and regionalization have been major planning issues in this region and throughout the southern part of the state. Issues concerning water supply and future demand have come to the forefront due to the recent drought. As the state's legislated entity to coordinate planning in the Nashua region, it is critical that NRPC be given the opportunity to receive information concerning the proposed transaction, and to offer planning related input on behalf of its member communities and the region.

I will be present at the July 28, 2004 hearing. Thank you for the opportunity to request intervenor status.

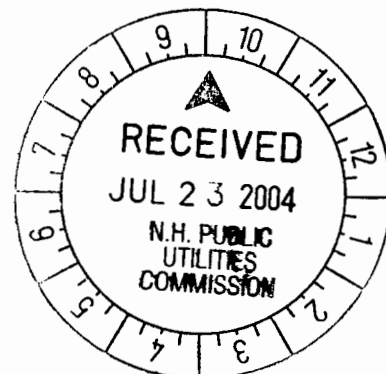
Sincerely,

NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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