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Re: DW 08-098; Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc.

Dear Ms. Howland:

In accordance with your letter dated December 16, 2008, I am writing to provide a description of the contacts made and information shared with the Towns of Hampton, North Hampton and Rye prior to the prehearing conference in this case. Except as noted below, the information provided in this letter is based on information provided by Aquarion's Senior Vice President, Larry Bingaman.

Notice of this proceeding was sent by U.S. mail to the billing address for the Towns of Hampton, North Hampton and Rye. The mailing address in each case included the name of the town, but not the name or title of the town clerk. In the case of Hampton and Rye, the billing address to which the notice was sent was the same as the address for the town clerk. In the case of North Hampton, the notice was sent to a town building that is next door to the town clerk's address (a building that is sometimes referred to as the "Old Town Hall"). On September 15, 2008, I spoke with the attorney for the Town of Hampton regarding the Town's desire to intervene in the case and provided him with an electronic copy of the Company's notice of intent. On the same day, the Company sent a copy of its initial filing to the attorney for the Town of Hampton by U. S. mail. During the week prior to the prehearing conference, I also spoke by phone with the attorney for the Town of North Hampton and exchanged emails with the Co-chair of the North Hampton Water Commission.

In addition, Mr. Bingaman made presentations regarding the Company's filing to the Town Manager of all three towns and to a representative of the North Hampton Water Commission prior to the Company's filing with the PUC. After the filing, he made separate presentations to the Board of Selectmen of all three towns, two of which (Hampton and North

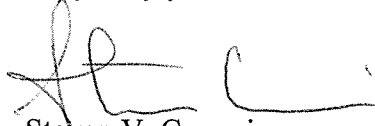
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Hampton) were televised on the town's cable channel. Additionally, he also spoke directly with the Rye Town Manager and provided him with a copy of the Company's rate case filing. The Town Manager indicated that he would contact the Company if he needed anything further.

Mr. Bingaman also communicated by email with a representative of the governing board of Jenness Beach (the area of Rye served by the Company) regarding the case and offered to meet with the board. With regard to the Town of North Hampton, Mr. Bingaman met with the Town Manager and the Co-chair of the North Hampton Water Commission regarding the Company's plans to file for rate relief and, after the filing, made a presentation to the North Hampton Board of Selectmen. In addition, after the Company learned that a notice of the procedural hearing had not been sent to the North Hampton Town Clerk, the Company sent by overnight courier a copy of the rate case filing to the North Hampton Town Manager and Town Clerk. During the same period, Mr. Bingaman also communicated by telephone with the same individuals and sent copies of the rate filing by overnight courier to the Town Clerks of Hampton and Rye.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Steven V. Camerino

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