### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## RE: AQUARION WATER COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### **DOCKET NO. DW 08-098**

# MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COMPLIANCE WITH PUC 1203.02(c)

Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire ("Aquarion" or the "Company") hereby moves the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission for an extension of time to comply with Puc 1203.02(c). In support of its motion, Aquarion states as follows:

- 1. On August 29, 2008, Aquarion filed testimony and schedules with the Commission in support of its request for an increase in its rates. On September 25, 2008, the Commission issued an Order of Notice in this proceeding, setting a prehearing conference for November 5, 2008.
- 2. Puc 1203.02(c) requires utilities to "send to each of its customers a clear and concise statement of the rate schedules applied for and indicate which schedules are applicable to that customer" within 30 days from the date of the rate case filing. Based on this regulation, Aquarion is required to provide individual notice to its customers of its proposed rate increase by September 29, 2008. In addition, the Order of Notice requires Aquarion to develop a display ad in consultation with the Commission's Executive Director and cause the ad to be published by October 6, 2008
- 3. For purposes of providing the notice contemplated by Puc 1203.02(c), Aquarion anticipates using a copy of the display ad that it is currently developing. The display ad is not expected to be finalized until the week of September 29, 2008.

3. In order to give Aquarion additional time to finalize the notice that it intends to send to its customers, Aquarion requests that the Commission extend the

Company's time to comply with Puc 1203.02(c) for an additional 30 days, until October

29, 2008.

4. Aquarion bills its customers on a quarterly basis, and thus if it included the

customer notice in its regular billing cycle, customers would not receive the notice until

after the prehearing conference had occurred. Therefore, the Company plans to prepare a

special mailing to customers notifying them of the proposed rate increase and the date of

the prehearing conference.

WHEREFORE, Aquarion respectfully requests that the Commission:

A. Grant this Motion for Extension of Time to Comply With Puc 1203.02(c);

and

B. Grant such other relief as is just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of this Motion has been forwarded to Meredith A. Hatfield, Esq. this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008 by hand delivery.

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