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Via Electronic and Hand Delivery

Debra Howland
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Concord, NH 03301-2429



Re: DW 11-026; Joint Petition of City of Nashua, Pennichuck Corporation et al for Approval to Acquire Stock of Pennichuck Corporation

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing to inform the Commission that the Joint Petitioners, Commission staff, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the active intervenors (the Town of Merrimack, the Town of Milford, the Merrimack Valley Regional Water District, Fred Teeboom, and Anheuser-Busch) have agreed to schedule an additional settlement conference for October 12 at 1 p.m. in an effort to resolve all remaining issues in this proceeding. Given the timing of that meeting and the fact that the hearing on the merits is now scheduled for October 25-27, the Joint Petitioners have proposed that the dates for submitting a settlement agreement (currently October 11 or 12) and rebuttal testimony (currently October 14) both be changed to October 18. I am authorized to inform the Commission that neither the Commission staff nor any of the foregoing parties objects to this proposed change. The Joint Petitioners believe that these proposed changes to the procedural schedule will enhance the potential for settlement and will not interfere with the orderly conduct of the proceeding in light of the fact that they will not result in a change in the hearing dates and will still allow the Commission a week to review any settlement. The Joint Petitioners therefore request that the Commission approve the foregoing proposed changes to the procedural schedule as consistent with the public interest.

Sincerely,

Steven V. Camerino

cc: Service List (DW 11-026)