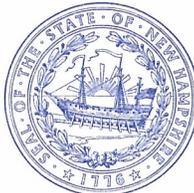


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Re: DW 11-218, Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.
Petition to Expand Franchise, Acquire Assets, and Charge Rates
Fairfield subdivision in Sandown, NH
Correction to Staff Recommendation for Approval

Dear Ms. Howland:

On January 9, 2011 Staff filed a letter recommending Commission approval of Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.'s (HAWC) petition in this docket. It has come to Staff's attention that our letter contains one minor error that should be corrected. On page 2 Staff indicates that the water system to be acquired carries an original cost of \$60,400. The source of this information is Mr. Sullivan's testimony, submitted with the petition. However, the itemized list of assets to be acquired, as illustrated on Exhibit 7 to the petition, totals \$70,055. Upon discovering this discrepancy, Staff inquired with the company and HAWC has confirmed that the correct value of the assets to be acquired is \$70,055.

Because the water system assets to be acquired will be considered as Contributions in Aid of Construction, their value for rate setting purposes is zero. In order to avoid any confusion, however, Staff brings this issue to the Commission's attention.

If you have any question or request further information regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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