

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: AQUARION WATER COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.

DOCKET NO. DW 12-085

PETITION FOR TEMPORARY RATES

Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc. ("Company"), pursuant to RSA 378:27, petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission"), to authorize, effective for service rendered on or after July 1, 2012, reasonable temporary rates pending the Commission's final decision on the Company's request for permanent rate relief in this docket. In support thereof, the Company states as follows:

1. On April 4, 2012, and in accordance with Puc Rule 1604.05, the Company filed a Notice of Intent to file Rate Schedules with the Commission.
2. Contemporaneous with this Petition for Temporary Rates, the Company is filing revised tariff pages to Tariff NHPUC No. 1 – Water, proposing an increase in the Company's permanent rates. If approved, such rates will produce additional annual gross operating revenue of \$1,113,931. This request represents an overall increase of 18.3% over the Company's operating revenues for the test year ending December 31, 2011, for a total revenue requirement of \$7,200,620.
3. The Company's most recent full rate case, which was resolved by Order No. 25,019 issued in 2009, authorized an overall rate of return of 7.72% based on a cost of equity of 9.75%.

4. As set forth in the accompanying testimony of Troy M. Dixon, for the test year, the twelve months ended, December 31, 2011, the Company's overall rate of return was 5.23%, or 249 basis points below the currently allowed rate of 7.72%, based on the records on file with the Commission. The Company's return on common equity for the same period was 3.86%, or 589 basis below its currently allowed return on equity of 9.75%.

5. Unless temporary, and ultimately, permanent rate relief is granted, the Company will not earn a reasonable rate of return on the cost of its property used and useful in the public service. The continuation of current rates will result in the confiscation of the Company's property.

6. The reports on file with the Commission and supporting documentation filed in connection with the Company's permanent rate request and with this Petition demonstrate that the Company is earning substantially below its allowed rate of return. The Company therefore requests that the Commission order a temporary rate increase, applied to all customers in order to generate an increase of \$732,078 or 12.03% in operating revenues annually.

7. The temporary rates proposed herein are just and reasonable, and therefore should be granted.

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission:

A. Grant this Petition for Temporary Rates, allowing the Company an increase in the amount of \$732,078 in annual operating revenue to be effective for service rendered on or after July 1, 2012;

B. Order such temporary rates to remain in effect until a determination of the Company's request for a permanent rate increase;

C. Grant such other relief as is just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc..

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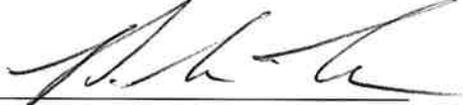
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this Petition has been forwarded this 14th day of May, 2012 to the Service List in Docket DW 12-085.



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