

Town of Hampton



July 18, 2012

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DW 12-085; Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc.

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to the agreed upon procedural schedule submitted to you in the July 12, 2012 letter of Staff Attorney Marcia A.B. Thunberg, I am writing to the Commission to request that the Commission conduct a Public Statement Hearing in Hampton during the course of the proceedings on the proposed permanent rate increase in the above case. An original and seven copies of this letter are enclosed.

A similar hearing by the Commission was last held in Hampton on March 25, 2009 in connection with Docket No. DW 08-098.

The Commission is invited this time to utilize for this purpose the Selectmen's meeting room on the lower level of the Hampton Town Office building located at 100 Winnacunnet Road in Hampton. This would enable live broadcast of this important hearing to the residents of the Town of Hampton, who make up 76% of the residential customers of Aquarion, as well as videotaping for later viewing. This location would also not trigger the 3 hour minimum charge for janitorial services that the Winnacunnet Cooperative School District charges, even to governmental entities, for the use of the Winnacunnet High School auditorium, which was the site of the March 25, 2009 hearing. The level of attendance experienced at the 2009 hearing can easily be accommodated in the Selectmen's meeting room.

Please contact Hampton Administrative Assistant Kristina Ostman at 929-5908 to make arrangements to reserve the Selectmen's meeting room and to ensure the availability of personnel to broadcast the hearing.

I would suggest that this hearing be conducted sometime in early December 2012, which would fall between the date of the technical session following the third set of data responses, and the deadline for Staff/Intervenor testimony of January 4, 2013.

Thank you for your cooperation with regard to the above.

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Very truly yours,



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cc: Board of Selectmen
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