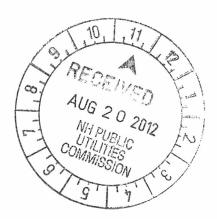


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August 17, 2012

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



Re: DW 12-085: Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc. Settlement Agreement – Temporary Rates

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are seven (7) copies of a Settlement Agreement among Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc., the staff of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Staff"), and the Office of Consumer Advocate in connection with temporary rates. Intervening party Town of Hampton has indicated that it does not oppose the enclosed Agreement. A hearing on the merits for temporary rates is scheduled for August 28, 2012.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Patrick H. Taylor

cc: Service List