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## Re: DW 12-085; Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc. Partial Settlement Agreement Among Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Staff of the Public Utilities Commission, and the Office of Consumer Advocate

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc. ("Aquarion"), the staff of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Staff"), and the Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") (collectively, "the Parties") I submit an original and six copies of a Partial Settlement Agreement among the Parties resolving all issues raised in the testimony of Staff and OCA witnesses with the exception of return on equity. This Agreement will be presented as an Exhibit at the hearing to be conducted on May 23-24. The Parties do not intend that approval of this Partial Settlement Agreement will constitute precedent regarding any particular principle or issue. All parties in this case were made aware of this Agreement on Monday, May 20.

The Parties request that the Commission accept this late-filed settlement pursuant to Puc 203.20(f) because its acceptance will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding and will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding.

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

Very truly yours,

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