

The State of New Hampshire

Public Utilities Commission

DW 12-085

Re: Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc.

TOWN OF HAMPTON'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

NOW COMES the Town of Hampton in the above entitled matter and petitions the Commission to allow it to intervene in these proceedings as a party, and in support of said petition says as follows:

1. The Town of Hampton has approximately 15,000 year round residents and lies at the heart of the Seacoast region of New Hampshire.
2. The population of Hampton in the summer months rises dramatically to the point where Hampton becomes one of the largest municipalities population-wise in the State.
3. The vast majority of the residents in Hampton receive their water service from Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc. (hereinafter, "Aquarion").
4. The Town of Hampton contains about three quarters of the residential customers who are served by Aquarion, and the Town of Hampton's Fire Department utilizes more than half of the public fire hydrants for which Aquarion insures the availability of water.
5. The temporary and permanent rate increases being sought by Aquarion in these proceedings, coming on the heels of a major rate increase in the last rate proceeding in DW 08-098, followed by Water Infrastructure and Conservation Adjustment

(WICA) surcharges allowed in DW 10-293 and DW 11-238, represent significant burdens for Hampton taxpayers.

6. The Town of Hampton has participated in all the recent rate cases before this Commission that have been filed by Aquarion as well as in the proceedings under the pilot WICA surcharge program, which Aquarion now seeks to make permanent.

WHEREFORE, the Town of Hampton requests that the Commission:

- A. Allow the Town of Hampton to intervene as a party in this matter; and
- B. Grant such other and further relief as may be just.

Respectfully submitted
Town of Hampton

By its Town Attorney

Dated: July 3, 2012



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have this 3rd day of July, 2012 e-mailed the foregoing Petition to Intervene to the entities and individuals appearing on the attached service list. Beyond the Commission, paper copies of this Petition will be provided only if requested.



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