

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
IN THE MATTER OF
HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC

DW 12-170

**MOTION TO AMEND PETITION TO
ADD REQUEST FOR STEP INCREASE FOR NEW HIRE,
TO ADD ADDITIONS TO RATE BASE AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE FOR
BLACK ROCKS WATER SYSTEM, AND
TO ADD ADDITION TO RATE BASE FOR FAIRFIELD WATER SYSTEM**

The Petitioner, Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC) respectively amends its petition the N.H. Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of permanent rates by amending its Petition as follows:

- To add request for step increase for new hire,
- To add additions to rate base and capital structure for Black Rocks Water System, and
- To add addition to rate base for Fairfield Water System.

In support of this Petition, HAWC says:

1. On July 27, 2012, HAWC filed its schedules along with supporting testimony for an increase in permanent rates for all of its current franchises. In its Petition, HAWC proposed to increase its annual revenue by \$101,774.00, or by 6.99%. If the proposed revenue requested in the Petition is approved, the average annual amount for a residential customer will increase to \$512.57 per customer on an annual basis.
2. The Company wishes to amend its Petition to include the expense it will incur by expanding it personnel with a new hire effective December 1, 2012. This new hire is necessitated by the increase in workload experienced by its administrative personnel due to the increase in the Company's customer base. See Pre-filed Testimony of John Sullivan, Exhibit 1 hereto.

3. By this amendment to the Petition, the Company is requesting that the cost of this new hire be added to the request for a step increase currently included in the Company's Petition. See Exhibit 2, Cost of New Employee, attached.
4. The Company is also requesting that capital additions portion of its petition be amended to include into rate base the addition of the Black Rocks system on the Company's books as of January 1, 2012. While the system went online in 2011, the Company added the cost of the system in 2012. See Exhibit 3 for Black Rocks, attached.
5. The Company is also requesting that its petition be amended to include the addition of some costs associated with the Fairfield system that were not included in the original Petition. The Company purchased this system in 2012.
6. The Company's Petition included the plant and related CIAC as well as a proforma adjustment for the operating expenses but the costs regarding the acquisition of the system as well as engineering costs were not included. See Exhibit 4 for Fairfield, attached.

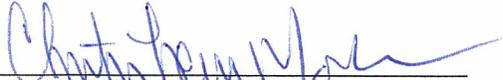
WHEREFORE your Petitioner prays:

- A. That the Commission find that it would be in the public good for HAWC to be permitted amend its Petition as proposed;
- B. That the Commission make such further findings and orders as may be appropriate on the circumstances.

Dated this 27th day of December, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC.



Christine Lewis Morse, Vice President