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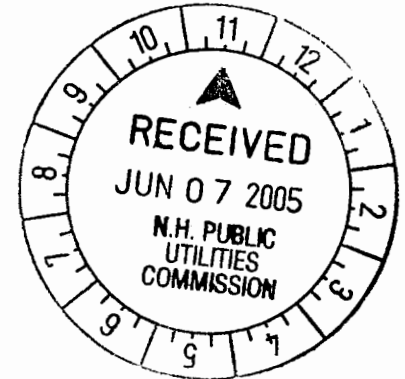
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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
8 Old Suncook Road
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: **DW 05-072, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.**
Staff Concurrence with PEU's Request for Waiver



Dear Ms. Howland:

Staff is in receipt of Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.'s (PEU) request for a waiver of certain filing requirements under Puc 1604.01(a). Specifically, PEU is requesting waivers of Puc 1604.01(a)(1) regarding the submission of internal financial reports and Puc 1604.01(a)(25) regarding the submission of information on their parent company. PEU requests this waiver because it believes it would be duplicative of materials already filed with the Commission, and therefore burdensome to provide these materials again.

Staff does not object to the granting of this waiver. Staff concurs with PEU's assertion that these materials have been previously provided to the Commission. Further, through an anticipated discovery process which typically accompanies our investigation, we are confident that we will be able to obtain any supporting information we will need. For this reason, Staff believes granting the request would not prejudice the Commission's investigation and we recommend the Commission grant this waiver.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia A. B. Thunberg".

Marcia A. B. Thunberg
Staff Attorney/Hearings Examiner

cc: Service List