

CLERKS REPORT

DOCKET NO. & NAME : DW 05-072 Pennichuck East Utility

DATE: 8/9/05 OPENED AT: 10:03 CLOSED: 10:42 PHC: HEARING: X

PRESIDING OFFICER: Commissioners HEARING EXAMINER:

COURT REPORTER: Steve Patenaude CLERK: Diane Bateman

APPEARANCES:

Sarah Knowlton of McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton for Pennichuck East

Anne Ross for the OCA on behalf of Residential Ratepayers

Marcia A.B. Thunberg for Staff

AFFIDAVIT FILED:

INTERVENTION GRANTED:

NOTES:

Company originally asked for a Temporary Rate of \$381,565 or 12.25% Temporary Rate request.

A panel was put on the stand: Bonalyn J. Hartley from PEU and Mark A. Naylor for Staff.

The company's allowed rate of return is 8.83% based on 11.0% on equity. The company is currently earning 4/12% which is 418 basis points below the allowed rate of return. The company, staff and the OCA have verbally agreed to a temporary rate increase of 9% across the board for all customers with Temporary Rates taking effect 6/16/05.

This is the first rate increase sought by PEU since they acquired the system in 1998 and at that point they took a 10% reduction in rates due to the fact that it was unknown as to the money it would take to run the system properly.

All parties agree that at this point during the Temporary Rate stage that 9% increase across the board for all classes is fair and just.

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE: .

HEARINGS CONTINUED:

BRIEFS DUE:

ORDER DUE:

TRANSCRIPT DUE DATE:

REQUEST WHEN DUE:

HEARING EXAMINER REPORT DUE:

ATTACH THE EXHIBITS LIST: Yes

UNDER ADVISEMENT:

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PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY
Exhibit List 8/9/05 Temporary Rate Hearing

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| 1. | 5/20/05 Direct Testimony of Bonalyn Hartley | Panel 1/Hartley |
| 2. | Report of Proposed Rate Charges | Panel 1/Hartley |
| 3. | Average single family residential bill by rate group | Panel 1/Hartley |
| 4. | RESERVED: Resulting return on investment with the 9% increase included. | |