

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

Date: April 8, 2013

TO: Commissioners
FROM: F. Anne Ross, Hearing Examiner
RE: DW 12-355 Dockham Shores Estates Water Company, Inc.
Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules



HEARING EXAMINER'S REPORT

At your request, I presided over the April 4, 2013 prehearing conference in the above referenced case.

On December 11, 2012, Dockham Shores Estates Water Company, Inc. (Dockham) filed a notice of intent to file rate schedules and on February 11, 2013 Dockham filed its rate case. The Prehearing conference was held as scheduled on April 4, 2013.

Appearances

David William Jordan for Dockham
Marcia A. Brown, Esq. for Staff

Intervention Requests

None

Initial Positions

Dockham presented its rate case filing for a rate increase and reminded the Commission that it has been 24 years since Dockham's last rate increase.

Staff noted that based on its annual reports Dockham was earning a negative return for the test year 2011. Staff indicated that it would work with any interested customers to assist in understanding the rate case process.

Technical Session

As reported by Staff, by letter of April 5, 2013, the parties met in a technical session following the prehearing conference and agreed on a procedural schedule with two tracks, one involving a

settlement and hearing on July 18, 2013, and a second, assuming a fully litigated case, with a hearing on October 2, 2013.

Recommendations

I recommend that the Commission approve the proposed procedural schedule.

By  _____
F. Anne Ross, Hearing Examiner