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Debra A. Howland  
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Re: DA 14-064 Abenaki Water Company, Inc.  
Staff Recommendation for Commission to Accept Revised Affiliate Agreement  
with New England Service Company, Inc. and Close Docket

Dear Ms. Howland:

On May 14, 2015, Abenaki Water Company (Abenaki) filed with the Commission a revised affiliate agreement (the revised agreement) with New England Service Company, Inc. (NESC), pursuant to the requirements of RSA 366. Abenaki is a wholly-owned subsidiary of NESC. Abenaki provides water service to approximately 95 customers in Bow, and provides both water and sewer service to approximately 150 customers in Belmont. Abenaki filed its original agreement with NESC with the Commission on March 5, 2014, shortly after acquiring its New Hampshire franchises. The Commission assigned Docket No. DA 14-064 to that filing. The revised agreement has also been docketed in DA 14-064.

The revised agreement is identical to the original agreement with respect to the services to be performed by NESC for Abenaki. The only change is the schedule of charges. Abenaki will now pay hourly rates (with weekly minimums) in place of flat monthly charges. For example, under the original agreement, Abenaki paid \$2,075 per month for operation and maintenance service at its Bow water system. Under the revised agreement, Abenaki would pay \$200 per week for on-call coverage and administrative duties, and \$75 per hour for regular contracted maintenance and/or emergency response labor. Abenaki asserts that this change to the pricing in its agreement with NESC will be more cost effective for the company.

Staff has reviewed the agreement and recommends the Commission accept the filing of the revised agreement between Abenaki and NESC and close this docket. Since

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Revised Affiliate Agreement with New England Service Company  
Staff Recommendation

Abenaki recently submitted a Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules that was docketed as DW 15-199, Staff will review the pricing contained in the revised agreement in Abenaki's upcoming rate case.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Naylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mark A. Naylor  
Director, Gas & Water Division

cc: Service list

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