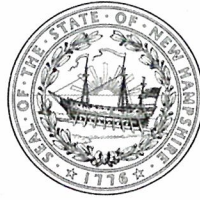


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Re: DW 14-360, Abenaki Water Company
Request to Convert to Monthly Billing
Late Filing of Affidavit of Publication

Dear Ms. Howland:

On February 4, 2015 the Commission issued Order 25,760 in this docket, approving Abenaki's request to transition to monthly customer billing. In that order, Abenaki was instructed to publish the order by February 13, and to file an affidavit of publication with the commission no later than March 3. Staff writes to notify the Commission that Abenaki filed its affidavit of publication a day late, on March 4. Through this letter, Staff also cautions Abenaki that utilities are required to abide by Commission orders and can be penalized for failing to do so. *See* RSA 365:41 (authorizing Commission to impose financial penalty on utility for failure to obey Commission order) and RSA 365:42 (authorizing Commission to impose financial penalty on officer or agent of public utility for failure to obey Commission order).

Because publication was accomplished according to the order, the delay was minor, and Abenaki's late filing is not a part of a pattern of practice, Staff does not recommend the Commission take any action on Abenaki's failure to meet the affidavit-filing deadline. Also, this result is consistent with a recent Commission decision in another water proceeding, DW 14-285 Lakes Region Water Company, Secretarial Letter to Parties Extending Deadline (February 23, 2015).

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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Naylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Mark A. Naylor
Director, Gas & Water Division

cc: Service list

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Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.11 (a) (1): Serve an electronic copy on each person identified on the service list.

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FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with:**

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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.**
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.**