

Petition to Intervene

Docket #: DW 15-199

Abenaki Water Company
Request for Permanent and Temporary Rate Proceeding

1. Laconia Housing Authority is a not for profit public body corporate and politic established under NH RSA 203 whose mission is to provide affordable housing opportunities to low income households.
2. Laconia Housing Authority is the owner of a multi-family housing project in Belmont, NH known as Orchard Hill II Apartments.
3. Orchard Hill II Apartments is a 32 unit affordable housing project dedicated to providing decent, safe, and sanitary housing to very low income households defined as those earning less than 50% of the area median income.
4. Orchard Hill II Apartments was financed through the Rural Development 515 program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which department also provides rental assistance payments so that households do not pay more than 30% of their adjusted incomes for rent and utilities.
5. As such, the U.S. Department of Agriculture annually approves the operating budget and controls the rents at Orchard Hill II Apartments and Laconia Housing Authority as owner cannot adjust rents directly as expenses vary.
6. Abenaki Water Company supplies water and sanitary sewer services to Orchard Hill II Apartments.
7. Abenaki Water Company proposes a rate increase for water of 21% and for sanitary sewer or 47% at Orchard Hill II Apartments and such large increases will have a significant impact on the ability of Laconia Housing Authority to properly maintain and manage the project for the benefit of the very low income tenant households.
8. The water and sewer rates paid by Laconia Housing Authority at Orchard Hill II Apartments are already the highest paid by Laconia Housing Authority at any of the 311 units owned by Laconia Housing Authority even before the proposed rate increases.
9. The Laconia Housing Authority meets the standard of intervention in RSA 541-A:32 as Laconia Housing Authority's substantial interests will be affected by the proceeding and the interests of justice will be promoted and not impaired by granting the requested intervention.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Richard P. Weaver
Executive Director