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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
N.H. Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Docket No. 16-123 Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc.

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find an original and six copies of a letter from Hampton Selectmen Regina Barnes, which I would appreciate your adding to the record of this case, especially in connection with the prehearing conference scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Mark S. Gearreald
Town Attorney

cc. Board of Selectmen
Town Manager
Service List (electronically)

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Re: Docket No. DW 16-123 Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire
Request for monthly billing
Aquarion Water Company's Responses to Town of Hampton's Data
requests

Dear Ms. Howland,

Unfortunately due to my work schedule, I am unable to attend the Prehearing Conference and Technical Session scheduled for this coming Thursday, April 7, 2016.

I am writing this letter in lieu of my attendance as an elected official (member of the Board of Selectmen) from the Town of Hampton. Here are my comments on the discovery provided to the Town to date.

Response to Data Request 1-1:

- The 2016 postage and bill processing budgeted amount of \$85,000 is more than double from that of \$38,000 in 2015. It is not clarified as to what the information technology costs and capital expenditures represent. What percentage and amount of the subsidiaries' share of these costs are to be paid by Hampton, North Hampton and Rye Water District? What are the numbers of customers for each subsidiary (Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire) that are going to form the basis of the allocation?

Responses to Data Request 1-2 and 1-3:

- I was unable to determine the calculation to the changes in working capital as shown on Hampton 1-2 Attachment A and Hampton 1-3 Attachment A. Specifically, the determination of the Total Average Days of (5.43), (9.48) and 22.31 and the working capital percentages of 6.83%, 5.70% and 14.53%. The Company should provide the calculation of these items for the Town of Hampton's and the Commission's review.

Responses to Data Request 1-4, 1-5 and 1-6:

- During Aquarion's presentation to the Board of Selectmen on February 22, 2016, the amount of \$23,169 was questioned by the Board as to whether it would be a one-time event or a recurring event. In the response this number shows as a annual deferral of \$23,169 for the next three years, totaling \$69,507.
- The next anticipated rate case filing by Aquarion was estimated to be in 2018, at that time the annual working capital variance would then be embedded into the revenue requirement? Not broken out, however the cost will remain indefinitely.

Response to Data Request 1-7:

- How does Aquarion expect to realize savings from changing to monthly billing? It seems that costs will be greater going to a monthly billing cycle, for example the budgeted amounts shown in Response to Data Request 1-1.

Response to Data Request 1-8:

- Consistency with Aquarion's operations in Connecticut and Massachusetts does not reflect what is needed in the Town of Hampton. The States of Connecticut and Massachusetts are bankrupt states, insolvency exists for these states.



Regina M. Barnes, Selectman