

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

AQUARION WATER COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC

DOCKET NO. DW 16-828

TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON'S AND
TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON WATER COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS

INTRODUCTION:

Aquarion Water Company has filed this Petition with the Commission seeking approval of its Water Infrastructure and Conservation Adjustment surcharge, to be effective January 1, 2017, and for approval of proposed projects for 2017. The Town of North Hampton's and the North Hampton Water Commission's (hereinafter "North Hampton") recommendations are as follows:

1. North Hampton supports the Town of Hampton's requests for additional information, and answers to such additional requests that may arise from the responses from Aquarion.
2. As the proposed WICA rate surcharge and proposed 2017 project approvals are slated to commence near-term, North Hampton does not support delaying either the surcharge or the construction of the 2017 proposed WICA projects based upon the information that has been made available to North Hampton in this docket.
3. North Hampton acknowledges that, depending on the responses by the Aquarion to Hampton requests for additional information, legitimate issues may arise about whether Aquarion is being prudent in its decisions on paying off debt principal, and whether Aquarion is overearning. North Hampton understands that these are issues which may be properly addressed at a later date in a Petition by Hampton, and possibly joined by North Hampton and others, to have the Committee and its staff to undertake an examination of these issues, particularly when it has been a while since the last Aquarion rate case and no rate case is apparently proposed to be filed in the near term.

WHEREFORE, North Hampton requests that the this honorable Commission:

A. Order Aquarion to respond to the additional information requests posed by Hampton, and, any reasonable follow-up requests that Hampton or North Hampton may have; and,

B. Grant such other relief as may be fair and just.

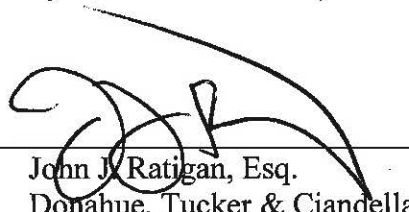
Respectfully submitted,

**Town of North Hampton Selectmen and North
Hampton Water Commissioners**

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