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Re: DW 17-062 Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire
Temporary Interconnection with Wiggin Way Homeowners Association
Staff Recommendation

On April 14, 2017, Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire (Aquarion) filed a petition to charge seasonal rates for an emergency interconnection. Aquarion is in receipt of an Administrative Order issued by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (the DES Order) to interconnect with and provide water to the Wiggin Way Homeowners Association (WWHA). WWHA operates a public water system in the Town of Stratham that serves 43 residences, and that directly abuts Aquarion's service territory in the Town of North Hampton. As detailed in the DES Order, which is attached to Aquarion's petition, the WWHA water system does not meet the required total source capacity, and is in violation of arsenic standards. The DES Order thus directs Aquarion to provide a temporary emergency interconnection to WWHA, and to work with WWHA and officials from the Town of Stratham to begin taking the steps necessary to effect a permanent interconnection.

In the summer of 2016 Aquarion also provided water to WWHA on an emergency basis. Aquarion sought Commission approval in Docket No. DW 16-804, which the Commission granted in its Order No. 25,938 dated August 22, 2016. Aquarion charged WWHA its seasonal tariff rate, and seeks to do the same in 2017.

Based on the DES Order issued pursuant to its authority under RSA 485:4, II and RSA 485:58, Staff recommends that the proposed temporary interconnection be approved subject to any conditions imposed by DES. Staff believes this temporary interconnection would be for the public good due to the potential for adverse impacts on public health and safety. Staff further believes that it is reasonable for Aquarion to charge its seasonal rates to WWHA for all water sold. The issue of franchise expansion for permanent service to the WWHA can be addressed in this docket when the appropriate filing is made.

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Please contact me if there are any questions about this Staff recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark A. Naylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "N".

Mark A. Naylor
Director, Gas & Water Division

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