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West Swanzey Water Company
before the
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
DW 17-103
Introductory Letter

The West Swanzey Water Company (“West Swanzey” or “Company”) respectfully requests that the Commissioners accept this filing in support of its request for an increase in the water rates. The Company proposes to increase its annual revenues from customers by \$39,872 or 57.12%. In addition, the Company proposes a step increase to its annual revenues from customers by \$2,989 or 2.73%.

During the twelve months ended December 31, 2016 (the test year) the Company’s actual net income (loss) amounted to (\$20,235). Its operating revenues decreased due to no longer being able to charge customers as surcharge for previously unbilled revenue and less water being sold. Its operating expenses increased due to a change in operators and the resulting increase in operating and maintenance expenses and the increase property taxes. The net operating income (loss) of (\$14,310) is significantly less than the net operating income required in order for the Company to pay its operating expenses and earn a fair and reasonable rate of return.

The Company proposes that the new permanent rates be effective mid-August 2017. The Company has decided not to pursue temporary rates in hopes of a more expedited and less costly proceeding.

With respect to the specific rate filing and its exhibits and supporting schedules, the Company has engaged the services of Stephen P. St. Cyr of St. Cyr & Associates to prepare the exhibits and to draft and present testimony on the merits of the case. Enclosed are exhibits, testimony and the other rate filing requirements.

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