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October 31, 2017

Via E-Mail

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Re: DW 17-118 – Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.
Petition for Change in Rates
Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

This letter is to report on an agreement to a procedural schedule reached among Staff and Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (Hampstead). The parties conducted a pre-hearing conference on October 31, 2017 followed by a technical session. The Office of the Consumer Advocate did not file a letter of participation pursuant to RSA 363:28. There were no intervenors present. Mr. Byron Petrakis appeared before the Commission on behalf of the Lamplighter Estates Condominium Association to offer comment on the proceeding. He stated that he and the condominium association did not desire to be termed an intervenor in the docket, but instead wished to follow the proceeding and offer comment on the proposed rate increase requested by the company. He also participated in the technical session that followed the pre-hearing conference.

Staff and Hampstead request that the following procedural schedule be implemented for the duration of the proceeding:

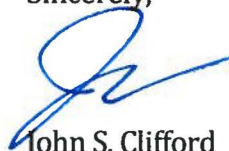
First Set of Discovery Requests (Temp. Rates)	November 15, 2017
Responses to First Set of Discovery Requests	November 30, 2017
Technical Session/Settlement Conf. on Temp. Rates	December 12, 2017 – 9 a.m.

Deadline to file Settlement Agreement on Temp. Rates	December 27, 2017
Merits Hearing on Temporary Rates	January 9, 2018
First Set of Discovery Requests (Perm. Rates.)	January 19, 2018
Responses to First Set of Discovery Requests.	January 30, 2018
Second Set of Discovery Requests (Perm. Rates)	February 13, 2018
Response to Second Set of Discovery Requests	February 23, 2018
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	May 8, 2018*
Deadline to file Settlement Agreement on Perm. Rates	June 8, 2018*
Final Hearing	June 19, 2018*

* Hampstead intends to file a joint petition along with Abenaki Water Company, Inc. and Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. that will address the cost of equity applicable to Hampstead in this proceeding. In anticipation of that filing, Staff and Hampstead reserve the right to amend these particular deadlines as the need arises.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



John S. Clifford
Staff Attorney

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