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VIA HAND DELIVERY AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429

**Re: DW 17-128 Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.
Rate Case Expenses**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to Order No. 26,179 (October 4, 2018) in the above-captioned proceeding, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. ("PEU" or the "Company") seeks recovery of \$53,864.82 in rate case expenses. As set forth in the summary of rate case expenses, Attachment A, the Company seeks recovery for legal services, filing preparation services, publication notice, customer notice mailing and stenographic services, which are allowable expenses consistent with the Commission's rule, Puc 1906.01. If recovered over 12 months, the monthly rate case expense charge per customer would be \$0.559 per month. PEU also provides, as Attachment B, documentation of its rate case expenses, consistent with the Commission's rule, Puc 1905.03 (a) through (d).

On April 6, 2017, PEU filed a request for a waiver regarding procurement of legal services through a competitive bid process. *See* DW 17-059. On April 28, 2017, the Commission issued Order No. 26,013 granting the request "for the good cause shown and reasons stated in their motion..." Order at p. 3. In light of the waiver granted by the Commission, this filing does not include copies of the Company's written procurement policy. If you require additional information regarding the procurement of legal services, however, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, the Company seeks confidential treatment of certain billing information contained in Attachment B. Accordingly, enclosed is a motion for confidential treatment pursuant to Puc 203.08. As such, this filing includes an original and six copies of this letter, the attachments and the Motion for Confidential Treatment, including the marked but unredacted copies of invoices that have been marked "CONFIDENTIAL" on the first page and as appropriate with the areas of requested redaction outlined in red. A copy of the marked but unredacted

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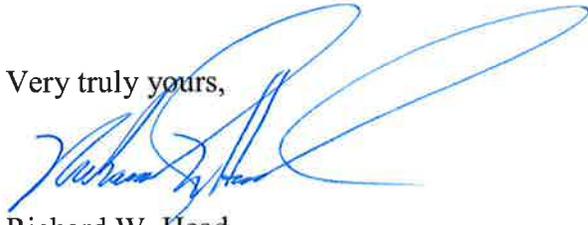
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invoices has been provided by hand delivery to both Staff and the OCA. One complete public copy is also being provided with the redactions are blacked-out and the pages are marked "REDACTED" on the first page and on pages with redaction and has been served on the service list for this docket.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Head

Enclosures

cc: Via electronic mail
Service List (redacted only)