

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC

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PETITION TO EXPAND FRANCHISE, OPERATE WATER SYSTEM INSIDE OF
THE NEW FRANCHISE AREA, ACQUISITION OF ASSETS AND APPROVAL OF
THE APPLICATION OF EXISTING RATES

The Petitioner, Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC), respectfully petitions the N.H. Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to (1) to expand its franchise area within the Town of Strafford, (2) for approval to operate a water system inside of the new franchise area (3) for approval of acquisition of assets; and (4) for approval of the consolidated rates to be applied to that area. In support thereof, HAWC says:

1. HAWC is presently franchised in most areas of Hampstead and Atkinson, New Hampshire, and has franchised satellite systems in various towns in Rockingham County (see Schedule A, attached). HAWC has been granted a consolidated rate and this consolidated rate would be applied to this franchise if granted.
2. That HAWC has entered into a contract (Exhibit 1) with the Bow Lake Estates Water Works, Inc., contingent upon PUC approval, to acquire and operate the Bow Lake Estates water system within the Town of Strafford in order to provide service to the Bow Lake Estates development. The purchase price for this transaction is \$8,000.
3. The development connected by a water crossing known as Bow Lake Road from Province Road and is shown on Exhibit 4, Proposed Franchise Area. The development encompasses the entire peninsula. There are 41 lots in the development on the water system currently.

4. It is intended to have HAWC expand its franchise and provide water service to this development. This would be a new satellite system for the Company. The current permit to operate this system as a public water system was issued by DES on August 19, 2016 – see Exhibit 12.
5. The Bow Lake Water Works, Inc., by its affiliated company, North Country Water Works, Inc., has granted a Water Rights and Easement Deed as shown on Exhibit 3. The well and pumphouse are located on Lot 32 (formerly Lots 32 and 33) of the Plan (see Exhibit 4). The location of the Bow Lake development and the location of the system are shown on Exhibit 4.
6. The proposed Franchise Expansion Area (Expansion) is shown on the Plan on Exhibit 4 as Proposed Expansion Area. The Expansion is the boundary of the development as shown on Exhibit 4. See also letters to the Board of Selectmen in Strafford and their proposed response to Staff regarding same, attached as Exhibits 5 and 6, respectively.
7. HAWC will be able to serve the Bow Lake Estates development under the provisions of the N.H. Public Utilities Statute.
8. The Company has the managerial, technical, financial, and legal expertise to operate as a public utility in the new franchise area.
9. With regard to the request for authority to acquire the system extension HAWC says:
 - A. Enclosed as Exhibit 1 is a Contract subject to the Commission's approval to acquire the system.
 - B. Enclosed as Exhibit 7 is a schedule of the costs to be incurred by HAWC to acquire the system, if the acquisition of the system is authorized by the Commission.

C. Attached hereto are copies of HAWC'S pro forma Continuing Property Records (CPR) for those assets for which HAWC seeks approval to acquire (Exhibit 8).

With regard to the request for approval of rates HAWC says:

A. That HAWC presently has a consolidated system wide rate.

B. The current consolidate rate consists of a base rate of \$10.00 monthly and a consumption rate of \$5.02 per 100 cubic feet.

10. Attached is the Testimony of John Sullivan (Exhibit 9), Testimony of Harold Morse (Exhibit 10) and Testimony of Stephen P. St. Cyr (Exhibit 11), and in support of the requests herein.

WHEREFORE your Petitioner prays:

A. That the Commission find that it would be in the public good for the HAWC:

1. to extend and expand its Franchise Area to provide water service to the area within the Town of Strafford as is shown on the attached Plan (Exhibit 4);
2. to be permitted to acquire the assets of the system extension upon completion of the same;
3. to be permitted to charge the existing consolidated rate contained in the tariff of HAWC for the Proposed Franchise Expansion Area as described in Exhibit 4

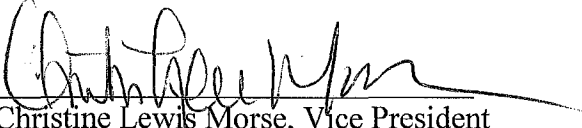
B. That the Commission, by appropriate order, grant the HAWC permission to:

1. to extend and expand its Franchise Area to provide water service to the area within the Town of Strafford as is shown on the attached Plan (Exhibit 4);
2. to be permitted to acquire the assets of the system;
3. to be permitted to charge the existing consolidated rate contained in the tariff of HAWC for the Proposed Franchise Expansion Area as described in Exhibit 4.

C. That the Commission make such further findings and orders as may be appropriate on the circumstances.

Dated the 18th day of September, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC.


Christine Lewis Morse, Vice President

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SCHEDULE A

HAWC System History

Company	Year	Docket	Order	Franchise Area
Walnut Ridge Water Company	1977	DE 76-179	12,827	1,826 Acres
Lancaster Farms-Salem	1984	DR 84-267	17,312	144 Acres
Bricketts Mill-Hampstead	1985	DE 85-149	17,848	80 Acres
Squire Ridge-Hampstead	1985	DE 85-274	17,967	140 Acres
Kent Farm-Hampstead	1987	DE 86-198	18,560	1,700 Acres
Kent Farm-Hampstead	1987	DE 86-198	18,598	Supp Order
Woodland Pond-Hampstead	1987	DE 87-211	18,980	701 Acres
Bryant Woods-Atkinson	1988	DE 87-226	19,230	2,340 Acres
Hampstead Area Water Company	1989	DE 89-047	19,717	Hampstead Merger*
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Walnut Ridge Water Company	1990	DE 90-129	19,992	55 Acres
HAWC-Bricketts Mill Extension	1990	DE 90-049	19,783	1,246 Acres
HAWC-Hampstead	1991	DE 91-121	20,224	1,350 Acres
HAWC-Hampstead	1991	DE 91-144	20,320	370 Acres
HAWC-Rainbow Ridge-Plaistow	1993	DE 92-129	20,774	152 Acres
HAWC-Stoneford-Sandown	1996	DE 96-201	22,551	3,483 Acres
HAWC-Colby Pond-Danville	1998	DE 97-154	22,854	177 Acres
HAWC-Oak Hill-Chester	2000	DW 00-059	23,577	Atkinson Merger***
HAWC-Walnut Ridge & Lancaster	2002	DW 01-204	23,954	44 Acres
HAWC-Camelot Court-Nottingham	2004	DW 02-198	24,296	188 Acres
HAWC-Cornerstone-Sandown	2004	DW 02-198	24,296	13.66 Acres
HAWC-Lamplighter-Kingston	2004	DW 02-198	24,296	107 Acres
HAWC-Maplevale-East Kingston	2004	DW 03-150	24,299	541 Acres
HAWC-Dearborn Ridge-Atkinson	2005	DW 04-055	24,501	238 Acres
HAWC-Hampstead Expansion	2005	DW 04-062	24,520	35 Acres
HAWC-Mill Woods-Sandown	2005	DW 05-063	24,544	90.37 Acres
HAWC-Waterford Village-Sandown	2005	DW 05-070	24,545	333 Acres
HAWC-Atkinson Expansion	2005	DW 05-092	24,592	33.68 Acres
HAWC-Autumn Hills-Sandown	2006	DW 06-016-	24,608	211 Acres
HAWC - Cooper Grove-Kingston	2008	DW-07-133	24,831	391 Acres
HAWC - Black Rocks Village	2008	DW-07-134	24,856	65.97 Acres
HAWC - Sargent Woods	2008	DW-07-130	24,884	27.851 Acres
HAWC - Oak Hill Extension	2010	DW-10-204	25,166	21.97 Acres
HAWC - Fairfield Estates	2011	DW-11-218	25,318	127.00 Acres
HAWC - Little River Village	2013	DW-13-323	25,636	1,125 Acres
HAWC - Emery Drive Extension	2014	DW-14-022	25,672	26.82 Acres
HAWC - Sargent Woods Ext.	2014	DW-14-107	25,704	23.11 Acres
HAWC - Snow's Brook.	2015	DW-14-319	25,757	35.16 Acres
HAWC - King's Landing.	2015	DW-15-254	25,827	40.83 Acres
HAWC - Wells Village	2016	DW-16-825	25,979	

*Merged Bricketts Mill, Kent Farm, Squire Ridge and Woodland Pond into HAWC

**Merged Bryant Woods into Walnut Ridge with requirement that the Bryant Woods rates apply

***Merged Lancaster Farms and Walnut Ridge into HAWC