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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

February 4, 2020

DW 17-165, Abenaki Water Company, Inc.

Request for Change in Rates Scheduling a Hearing on Motions

To the Parties:

Since December 20, 2019, Abenaki Water Company, Inc. (Abenaki or the Company) and Omni Mount Washington Hotel, LLC (Omni) have made multiple, successive filings and responses on various matters in this docket including the following motions:

- Abenaki's December 30, 2019 Motion to Extend the Step II Filing Deadline, to which Omni objected on January 7, 2020;
- Abenaki's January 6, 2020 Motion for Rehearing regarding the Commission's extension of time for Omni to file a response to Commission Staff's December 11, 2019 letter; and
- Omni's January 13, 2020 Motion for Hearing on Service Company Charges regarding \$26,369 in contested rate case expenses pertaining to charges by Abenaki's affiliate, New England Service Company (NESC), to which Abenaki objected on January 23.

The Commission has reviewed both Omni's motion for hearing regarding the contested rate case expenses and Abenaki's motion to extend the Step II deadline, along with each other's respective objections, and determined that it will hold a hearing on March 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The parties should be prepared to present evidence and argument regarding recovery of the \$26,369 in contested rate case expenses pertaining to Abenaki's affiliate, NESC, and regarding the requested extension of the Step II filing deadline. As part of its presentation on the Step II deadline extension request, Abenaki should be prepared to address its efforts to resolve the water pressure problem in its Rosebrook Water system.

The Commission has also reviewed Abenaki's motion for rehearing and Abenaki's January 23 objection to Omni's motion for hearing. In its objection, Abenaki stated that because "Omni filed a motion for hearing instead of its reply, Abenaki's motion for rehearing is moot." Abenaki Water Company, Inc., Objection to Omni Mount Washington Hotel, LLC's Motion for Hearing at 1 (January 23, 2020). The Commission has determined, in light of Abenaki's revised position, that the Company's motion for rehearing is moot.

Sincerely,

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