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

Re: **DW 18-187, City of Dover** 

Request for Extension of Water Service to Resident within the Town of Rollinsford

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Dover ("City") in the above-referenced docket and in response to the letter from Commission Staff dated June 27, 2019 ("the June 27th letter").

By way of brief background, the City has requested approval to provide water service to 7 Hall Street, Rollinsford, New Hampshire. By letter dated January 29, 2019, the Commission's Staff directed the City to refile and apply for an expansion of its existing franchise in accordance with the PUC's filing requirements, see N.H. Code of Admin. Rules, Puc 203.04 and 203.05. The City has not, to date, made that (re)filing. The June 27th letter indicated that the Commission Staff will "submit its recommendation to the Commission to close the current docket unless Dover submits the required filings within the next 10 days," by July 8, 2019.

By this letter, I am requesting that the Commission's Staff allow the City an additional thirty days—until August 7, 2019—to refile and apply for the franchise expansion and, should the City be unable to meet that extended deadline, to allow the City to notify the Commission Staff of same and explore whether to request administrative closure of this docket without prejudice to refiling and opening a new docket in the future to address the City's original request.

The City requests the extension for several reasons. First, the City has recently undergone a change in its City Attorney, with undersigned counsel commencing employment on June 5, 2019. In addition, Dover's Community Services Department has been forced to prioritize and respond to

other community needs. The requested extension will not unduly delay this proceeding or adversely affect any rights of any party. I discussed this request for an extension today with Attorney Christopher Tuomala, who indicated his assent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joshua M. Wyatt City Attorney

cc: Service List (Electronic Only)