

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

DW 18-

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF EXPANSION OF FRANCHISE, CONTRACT,
ACQUISITION OF ASSETS AND APPLICATION OF EXISTING RATES

The Petitioner, Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC), respectfully petitions the N.H. Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to allow it to expand its franchise area within the Town of Salem, for approval of contract, acquisition of assets and the application 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 and Strafford Counties (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 had previously received a request from the NH Department of Environmental Services, and upon petition to the Commission was granted leave to provide emergency water service within the Town of Salem, abutting the Company's Lancaster Farm water system, to the Fifty-Eight (58) homes of the Tisdale Trailer Park due to e. coli contamination of their well water.
3. That now the Owner of the Tisdale Trailer Park wishes HAWC to provide service on a permanent basis.
4. It is intended to have HAWC provide water service to these homes, which will be served by extending service from the Lancaster Farm in Salem to the existing water system serving these premises. The water system extension is shown on Exhibit 2.

5. The proposed Franchise Expansion Area (Exhibit 2) is shown on the Town of Salem Tax Map 123, Lot 8519.
6. The Owner has granted a Access and Maintenance Easement Deed as shown on Exhibit 3. HAWC has also received an easement across one of the lots served in the Lancaster System in order to install the line extension. The Owner has agreed to pay for all costs of this easement as evidenced by a separate easement contract between HAWC, the lot owner Water and Joan Andrews and Tisdale. See Exhibit 4. This is the same access utilized under docket 18-128 for Emergency Service.
7. The proposed Contract (Contract) between the Owner, HAWSCO (an affiliated company), and HAWC is attached as Exhibit 1. It reflects the cost of the line extension, hookup, and the metering. The Company has notified the Town of Salem of its franchise request and has provided them with a letter to be sent to the Commission acknowledging same. (Exhibits 5 and 6)
8. The entire amount of the cost of the assets will be contributed by the Owner to HAWC as Contribution In Aid Of Construction (CIAC) See proforma CPR (Exhibit 7).
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 provide water to the existing system which contains the cost for the system extension..
 - b. HAWC will have a line extension to a meter pit and system meter it will own. HAWC will also own meters to be installed at each of the 58 residencies in order to solely monitor water loss.
 - c. The Owner will retain ownership of the distribution system to the residences.

- d. Attached hereto are copies of HAWC'S pro forma Continuing Property Records (CPR) for those assets for which HAWC seeks approval to acquire (Exhibit 7), the Project Cost Schedule (Exhibit 8), and a proposed Bill of Sale (Exhibit 9), as well as DES approval for the extension (Exhibit 10).

10. 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 \$100.00 monthly for a 2" meter and a consumption rate of \$6.11 per 100 cubic feet.

11. Attached is the Testimony of Harold Morse (Exhibit 11) and Stephen P. St. Cyr (Exhibit 12) 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 Salem as is shown on the attached Plan;
 2. to add the proposed system extension within the new Franchise Area to the existing Lancaster Farm system
 3. to be permitted to acquire the assets upon completion of installation of same;
 4. to be permitted to charge the existing consolidated rate contained in the tariff of HAWC for the Proposed Franchise Expansion Area.
- 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 Salem as is shown on the attached Plan;

2. to add the proposed system extension within the new Franchise Area to the existing Lancaster Farm system;
3. to be permitted to acquire the assets upon completion of installation of same;
4. to be permitted to charge the existing consolidated rate contained in the tariff of HAWC for the Proposed Franchise Expansion Area;

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

Dated the 15th day of January, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC.



Christine Lewis Morse, Vice President