



# HAMPSTEAD AREA

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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
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Re: DW 19-011, Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC)  
Petition for Franchise Expansion in Salem: Tisdale Trailer Park  
HAWC's Recommendation for Approval

Dear Ms. Howland:

The purpose of this letter is to offer the recommendations of Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. ("HAWC" or the "Company") with respect to its petition in the above-referenced docket. HAWC agrees with nearly all of Staff's recommendations submitted by letter to the Commission on June 27, 2019. Indeed, the only item in the Staff recommendation letter that HAWC disagrees with is that HAWC has not been following the terms of the bulk water sales agreement approved in Order No. 26,174.

It is important to note that this petition and the previous emergency petition (Docket DW 18-128) derive from HAWC receiving a request from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) to provide temporary emergency service to Tisdale due to E.coli contamination of their well water.

The Company was invited to add its position to Staff's draft position, which it did, but staff ultimately filed its own position because HAWC disagreed with Staff's position about following the terms of the bulk water agreement.

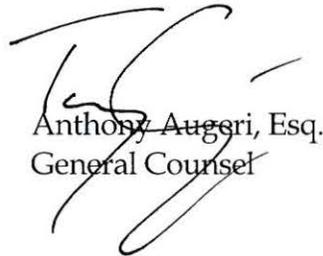
HAWC responds that it did follow the terms of the Commission's Order, No. 26,174, as it relates to providing emergency service to Tisdale through a single 1" meter at the rate of \$30.00 per month when it provided a temporary above ground connection to the Tisdale system. At the time of the filing, it was assumed that the franchise petition would be finalized before the winter. However, it was not. To prevent the connection from freezing, the Company installed the permanent underground connection that required a 2" meter. While the 2" compound meter was never mentioned in the original emergency petition, the meter was shown on the plans for the permanent connection as well as in HAWC's Petition

to Extend the Special Contract, under Docket DW 18-128, through the testimony of Harold Morse. *See Petition to Extend The Special Contract To Provide Emergency Bulk Water Service, Exh. 7, Supplemental Testimony of Harold Morse, lines 4-16.*

It is HAWC's position that charging for the meter size that was installed at Tisdale—at first a 1" meter and then later a 2" inch meter—did not require Commission approval because the size of the meter is determined by HAWC under its Tariff. *See HAWC Tariff, pg. 26, §22(B)(1).* Tisdale was never over charged based on the meter that was installed—when a 1" meter was installed, Tisdale was charged for a 1" meter, and was not charged for a 2" meter until after it was installed. HAWC does not believe Tisdale is owed a credit because Tisdale was at all times charged HAWC's meter rates for the meter installed and in use. *See HAWC Tariff, Second Revised pg. 34.*

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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