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RE: Docket No. DW 19-084 - Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.
Request for Change in Rates
Proposed Suspension of Procedural Schedule and Request for Scheduling of Technical
Session

Dear Executive Director Howland:

Pursuant to the settlement track of the approved procedural schedule in the above-mentioned docket, a settlement agreement is to be filed by April 29, 2020. While the participants to this docket remain committed to settlement negotiations, neither a temporary nor a permanent settlement has been agreed to by the participants or ready for filing at this time.

As such, the four participants in this docket, Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. the City of Nashua, the Office of the Consumer Advocate, and the Staff of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Staff) (collectively the Participants), all agree that the current procedural schedule must be modified. The Participants agree that more time is necessary for the participants to meet and discuss a revised procedural schedule, including the possible impact of Governor Sununu's Exhibit D to Emergency Order # 29, in hopes of attaining settlement.

For that reason, Staff, on behalf of the Participants, respectfully requests that the Commission suspend the current procedural schedule, but further requests that the following hearing dates in the procedural schedule are held open:

Hearing - Temporary Rates (Settlement if Achieved) May 13, 2020 at 10 a.m.
Hearing - Permanent Rates (Settlement if Achieved) June 30-July 1, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Participants hope to file a temporary settlement agreement in time for the May 13 hearing date, which the Participants request be used solely for the purpose of the temporary rate issue. As for the June 30 and July 1 dates, Staff requests their availability be held in the event a permanent rate settlement is achieved by that time.

The Participants, furthermore, request that a technical session be scheduled for the Participants to discuss the further procedural requirements of this docket. The Participants anticipate filing an additional proposed procedural schedule after the technical session.

Staff, on behalf of the Participants, respectfully requests that the Commission schedule the following technical session:

Technical Session

May 6, 2020 at 9 a.m.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher R. Tuomala

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