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December 30, 2020

Re: DW 19-084, Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.
Request for Change in Rates
Granting Motion to Extend December 24, 2020 Deadline

To the Parties:

On December 18, 2020, Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW) filed a motion to extend the December 24, 2020 deadline established in Order No. 26,425 (November 24, 2020) for filing its final rate case expense request, temporary-to-permanent rate recoupment calculation, and proposed surcharges. In its motion, PWW requested an extension to January 15, 2021, stating that the Office of the Consumer Advocate and Commission Staff (Staff) did not object, but that the City of Nashua had not responded to its motion.

PWW explained that it calculates the temporary and permanent rate recoupment at an individual customer-specific level, which requires it to write a software program separate from its general billing software. It asserted that an extension of the current deadline to January 15, 2021 is necessary, because PWW's initial program had to be rewritten after PWW and Staff reached an understanding on December 15, 2020 about the correct interpretation of Order No. 26,425, which approved the permanent rate increases. PWW noted that its in-house staff normally requires two full work weeks to complete the calculation portion in its billing software, so that it would constitute an undue hardship if the extension were not granted. Further, PWW stated that the requested extension would not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party.

Accordingly, the Commission has granted PWW's request for an extension of the December 24, 2020 deadline to January 15, 2021. *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 202.04. The Commission concomitantly waives PWW's compliance with Rule Puc 1905.02 of the New Hampshire Administrative Rules. PWW shall file its final rate case expense request, temporary-to-permanent rate recoupment calculation, and proposed surcharges on or before Friday, January 15, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Service List (Electronically)
Docket File

Service List - Docket Related

Docket#: 19-084

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