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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, N.H. 03301

Re: DW 19-084 - Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.
Proposed Recoupment Surcharges and
Motion for Protective Treatment

Dear Director Howland:

Pursuant to the Commission's temporary electronic filing requirements, and pursuant to Order No. 26,425 and Secretarial Letter dated December 30, 2020, Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW) hereby files its:

- (1) rate case expense documentation,
- (2) motion for protective treatment of certain rate case expense documentation,
- (3) proposed temporary-permanent rate recoupment documentation, and
- (4) proposed tariff supplement pages containing proposed surcharges.

With respect to the rate case expenses, PWW seeks recovery of \$178,490.10 in expenses. The expenses include expenses related to legal services, publication of notices and customer mailings, stenographer services for Commission hearings, and PWW's Cost of Service Study consultant. Consistent with Puc 1905.03 the 2019 rate case expenses that were incurred and were either the result of competitive bidding (legal, Cost of Service Consultant, printing and mailing). Expenses relating to stenographer services were not competitively bid by PWW because they are incurred by the Commission.

Pursuant to page 91 of the settlement agreement, implementation of the 12-month rate case expense recovery surcharge will be delayed until customers' March bills. Also, in light of Commission Order No. 26,429 in Docket No. DW 19-091 holding that the rate case expense surcharge was not sufficiently volumetric and therefore not recoverable under PWW's special contract with the Town of Hudson, and because PWW's special contracts have the same provisions, PWW has not included the following special contract customer accounts in its calculation of the surcharge: Town of Milford, Town of Hudson, Town of Tyngsborough, and Anheuser-Busch. The proposed surcharge is thus \$0.51 per allowed customer account per month for 12 months as calculated in the attached documentation.

With respect to the recoupment of permanent rates, pursuant to page 91 of the approved settlement agreement, implementation of the 18-month surcharge was to begin with January 2021 customer bills. However, now that it is January, PWW will implement the surcharge as soon as the Commission approves it.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcia A. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Enclosures

cc: Docket-Related Service List for DW 19-084