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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
N.H. Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: DW 19-198 Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.
Locke Lake Horizontal Directional Drill Project

Dear Director Howland:

This docket concerns Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.'s ("PEU") request for approval from the Commission, to the extent it is needed, to construct a pipeline under Locke Lake in the Locke Lake Colony development in Barnstead. PEU filed its request for approval in December and asked for expedited approval. Today, Staff filed its letter of recommendation, thereby completing its thorough review of the project. PEU wants to express its sincerest appreciation for Staff's efforts.

PEU is hopeful that the Commission can issue its order, which PEU anticipates will be a *nisi* , approving the project soon. This winter's warmer than usual weather has caused the lake to not be as frozen as in past years, thus shortening the frozen conditions portion of the construction window. Second, seasonal residents start arriving for Memorial Day for the summer and staging areas for the project are adjacent to the beach areas. If possible, PEU would like to be able to remove the staging areas prior to residents arriving. Given these considerations and that this project was previously noticed in PEU's financing, Docket No. 18-132, PEU requests as short a *nisi* period as the Commission is comfortable with issuing.

Again, thank you for Staff's review. PEU appreciates the Commission's consideration of PEU's request and the attention the Commission has given to this important project!

Very Truly Yours,

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