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Via Electronic Mail Only

Chairwoman Dianne Martin  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
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Re: DW 20-071 Atkinson Area Waste Water Recycling Request for Change in Rates; and  
DW 20-091 Atkinson Area Waste Water Recycling, Transfer of Ownership

Request for Ruling on Pending "Joint Motion to Consolidate and Related Relief"

Dear Chairwoman Martin:

I am writing on behalf of the Department of Energy (Energy) to respectfully request that the Public Utilities Commission, (PUC), issue a ruling on the parties pending "*Motion to Consolidate and Related Relief*," and, consistent with the relief requested, that the PUC promptly issue orders of notice (OONs) in both dockets.

As stated in Energy and Atkinson Area Waste Water Recycling, Inc. (AAWWR)'s joint motion (filed August 24, 2021), the parties have engaged in extensive and comprehensive negotiations to resolve both dockets, said dockets being substantively related.

In addition, Energy respectfully notes that the PUC order suspending rates was issued on August 12, 2020. *See* Order No. 26,393 (August 12, 2020). As stated in that PUC order, due to the COVID state of emergency, the rates were suspended for eighteen months. *See id.* (referencing Executive Order #29, Exhibit D, issued April 24, 2020). The eighteen-month period expires on February 12, 2021. Accordingly, Energy respectfully urges the PUC to grant the pending motion, and promptly issue OONs in both dockets, so that the September 30, 2021 hearing scheduled for the rate case (Docket No. 20-071) can entertain the matters at issue in both dockets. This would leave approximately four months for the PUC's subsequent review.

AAWWR, through counsel, agrees with, and assents to, the relief requested. Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

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cc: Service List in Dkts. Nos. 20-091 and 20-071