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Debra A. Howland

Executive Director & Secretary

NH Public Utilities Commission

21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10

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Re: DW 20-112 Abenaki Water Company ("AWC") Actual Rate Case Expenses pursuant to PUC 1905.01

Attached please find AWC G/L YTD Activity Report of each of the systems regarding rate case expenditures to date. As of December 31, 2020, the Company has incurred a total of \$22,760.46. Please note that the total of \$22,760.46 is subject to change pending year end review and audit.

Since AWC has no employees, New England Service Company ("NESC") provides services including rate case services to AWC under an affiliate agreement on file with the NHPUC. The 2021 affiliate agreement was filed with the NHPUC on January 19, 2021. AWC is under the belief that rate case expenses associated with its use of NESC in this rate proceeding are fully recoverable as rate case expenses, consistent with the Commission Order No. 25,945, dated September 26, 2016 in DW 15-199 allowing recovery of such expenses.

As previously provided with the original filing, NESC is providing management oversight, review and support. St. Cyr & Associates are providing both temporary and permanent rate case schedules as well as the written testimony and other rate case requirements.


Total estimated costs of each service are as follows:

NESC	\$45,000
St. Cyr & Associates	<u>50,000</u>
Total	<u>\$95,000</u>

Note: The total estimated costs do not include any legal costs. It is AWC's desire to work with the PUC Staff, OCA and other parties in the prosecution of the rate case in such a way as to not incur any legal costs. If that is not practical or possible, then AWC will have to engage the services of legal council.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Stephen P. St. Cyr

Cc: Service List (electronically)