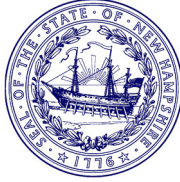


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Re: DW 20-112 Abenaki Water Company  
Request for Change in Rates  
Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

The purpose of this letter is to update the Commission following the technical session held on May 27, 2021, in the above captioned docket. On April 27, 2021, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a letter stating that the parties were not in agreement on, among other things, the development of a further procedural schedule in this matter. Staff noted that a contributing factor included the Company's notice of an agreement to be acquired by Aquarion Company. Staff requested a ten day suspension of the certain deadlines contained in the procedural schedule previously approved by the Commission on February 23, 2021. On May 17, Staff filed a follow-up letter recommending that the Commission schedule a technical session at the convenience of the parties to discuss the status of the docket and procedural issues. On May 18, the Commission issued a Secretarial Letter scheduling a remote technical session to be held by Webex on May 27, and directing Staff to file a report with the Commission following technical session.

The parties and Staff met to discuss the status of this matter, including the prospects of following the settlement track contained in the existing procedural schedule. The parties and Staff agreed not to foreclose the use of a settlement track within the procedural schedule. Several parties and Staff, however, argued that the current settlement track procedural deadlines are not tenable. As such, all parties assented to the suspension of the deadline to file a settlement agreement, and the cancelation of the currently scheduled hearing on a permanent rate settlement. The parties and Staff agreed to work together in pursuit of settlement negotiations, including identifying an alternate date to hold a hearing on a prospective permanent rate settlement agreement, and will request such a hearing date be scheduled in due course.

Staff therefore recommends the Commission suspend the June 24 deadline to file a settlement agreement under the settlement track, and cancel the July 1 hearing relating to a permanent rate settlement agreement under the settlement track.

Sincerely,

/s/ Eric Wind

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