

June 30, 2022 Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, N. H. 03301-2429

Re: Docket No. DW 20-117 Hampstead Area Water Company's ("HAWC" or "Company") Request for Change in Rates Proposed surcharge to recover temporary / permanent rate reconciliation and rate case expenditures

Dear Chairman Goldner:

In accordance with PUC Order No. 26,635 dated June 2, 2022 the PUC ordered that "HAWC shall file, within 30 days of the date of this order, documentation of the difference between temporary rates pursuant to Order No. 26,566 and permanent rates approved herein, and a proposed surcharge for recovering the difference from customers, reviewed and accepted by the New Hampshire Department of Energy ("NHDOE"); and it is further ordered, that HAWC shall file a request for recovery of its rate case expense with the Commission when its rate case expenses are finalized; and it is further ordered that the Company shall file all necessary documentation and reports in support of regulatory costs noted above, as required by the Settlement Agreement ..."

The temporary / permanent rate reconciliation for all water customers amounts to \$186,036. The temporary / permanent rate reconciliation for residential, commercial and public fire protection charge (credit) amounts to \$63,388, (\$7,480) and \$197,518, respectively.

The total rate case expenses amounts to \$323,412.

The Company proposes the following surcharges:

Temporary/Permanent Rate Surcharge for all customers Residential Fire Protection customers (1,102 customers) Commercial Fire Protection customer (29 customers) Public Fire Protection (Hydrants) - Hampstead Public Fire Protection (Hydrants) – Atkinson Rate Case Expenditures for all customers \$3.82 per month for 12 months \$4.79 per month for 12 months One-Time Credit of \$7,480 \$6,983 per month for 12 months \$9,477 per month for 12 months \$6.64 per month for 12 months

In support of the Company's proposed surcharges, the Company is providing Temporary / Permanent Rate Reconciliation schedules (Exhibit A), which shows the calculations of the temporary / permanent rate reconciliation water customers, residential fire protection, commercial fire protection and public fire protection. Also, the Company is providing a Deferred Rate Case Expenses schedule (Exhibit B), which summarizes the rate case expenditures by date, vendor, amount and cumulative amount. The individual invoices that support the rate case expenditures are also attached. As provided for in the Settlement Agreement – Permanent Rates, HAWC respectfully requests that DOE "review the temporary to permanent rate submission, which includes the possibility of propounding discovery and submit a report to the Commission, in coordination with the Company, for Commission approval of the resulting proposed credit or surcharge."

As also provided for in the Settlement Agreement – Permanent Rates, "the Settling Parties agree that the DOE will review the Company's proposal and provide a report for the Commission's consideration prior to the issuance of an order on rate case expense recovery."

HAWC would appreciate having an opportunity to review the report before it is filed with the Commission so as to assent to the report. HAWC would further appreciate the Commission's review and approval of the report.

If you, the Commissioners, DOE Staff and / or any other parties have questions and comments, please contact John Sullivan at John@hampsteadwater.com or 603-362-5333.

Very truly yours,

/s/Anthony S. Augeri

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TA/ht enclosures

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