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

Re: Docket No. DW 20-117 & DW 23-020 Hampstead Area Water Company's

Step I and Step II rate case expense schedules, and Legal Brief supporting such recovery

Dear Chairman Goldner:

In accordance with PUC Order No. 26,902 dated November 8, 2023 where the PUC ordered that "HAWC is required to file its rate case expenses related to Step I and Step II together with supporting documentation within 30 days of the date of this order; and it is further ordered, that HAWC and the Settling parties are required to file written legal briefs with the Commission concerning the legal basis and any precedent for requesting recovery of rate case expenses related to Step I and Step II adjustments within 30 days of the date of this order..."

HAWC proposes the following Step I and II rate case expenditure surcharge:

The total rate case expenses amount to: \$65,987

The Company proposes the following surcharge:

Rate Case Expenditures for all customers

\$3.82 per customer for 4 months

In support of HAWC's proposed surcharge, the Company provides Step I and II Rate Case Expenses schedules (Exhibit A), such summarizes the rate case expenditures to date, vendor, amount, and cumulative amount for Step I and Step II. The individual invoices that support such rate case expenditures are also attached. For certain individual invoices and timecards that are redacted, HAWC filed a Motion for Confidential treatment. HAWC also submits its legal brief in support of recovery of its rate case expenses related to Step I and Step II adjustments to its permanent rates.

Pursuant to Puc 201.04 (c), the Confidential versions will be provided to the Commission. As indicated in Puc 201.04(c)(2)(c), "[f]or each redacted document submitted, the person submitting the document shall also provide an unredacted version of the document(s) to the commission that indicates all redactions with...any other method that clearly indicates the material redacted in the redacted version." The Company utilized red boxes to indicate what is deemed confidential.

Consistent with the Commission's Temporary Changes in Filing Requirements (March 17, 2020) due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, HAWC will not file any paper copies.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

/s/Anthony S. Augeri Anthony S. Augeri General Counsel

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