

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DW 20-117

HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC.

Request for Change in Rates

Procedural Order Re: Proposed Procedural Schedule for Step I Adjustment

On June 2, 2022, the Commission issued Order No. 26,635, in which it approved the parties' settlement agreement providing for a permanent rate increase followed by two step adjustments. Regarding the first step adjustment, Step I Adjustment, Order No. 26,635 stated that "the Company may file its Step I petition after June 20, 2022, and that the resulting rates, subject to Commission approval, will be effective no earlier than December 16, 2022." *Id.* at 13.

Instead of a petition, the Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC) filed a letter on September 1, 2022, with a Summary of Changes to Calculation of Step Adjustment, Calculation of Step Adjustment, and supporting schedules. On October 7, 2022, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE), with the assent of HAWC, filed a request for the Commission to approve the following procedural schedule regarding the Step I Adjustment:

Data Requests (DRs), Set # 1	November 14, 2022
Data Responses	November 21, 2022
Technical Session (via Microsoft Teams)	December 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
Technical Session DRs	December 14, 2022
Technical Session Data Responses	December 21, 2022
File Settlement/DOE Position Statement	January 25, 2023

The DOE and HAWC requested the Commission to schedule a hearing soon after January 25, 2023, if a hearing is necessary.

No objections to the proposed procedural schedule were filed. It has been determined that the proposed procedural schedule is in the public interest and, therefore, it is approved.

A hearing on HAWC's request for approval of the Step I Adjustment is scheduled on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, starting at 9:00 a.m. Three hours are allotted for this hearing, which will be conducted in person, in accordance with the attached hearing guidelines. If additional time will be required, the parties are requested to notify the Commission within ten days from the date of this order.

So ordered, this eighteenth day of October, 2022.



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