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Re: Docket No. DW 20-184  
Request for Change in Rates  
Tariff Pages: Orig pgs 20, 21, 22  
Tariff No. 1  
Effective Date: September 25, 2023

Dear Attorney Chiavara:

Employees of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission have reviewed the tariff filing received on September 25, 2023, in the above-captioned proceeding and confirm compliance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 1600. A copy of this letter is being entered into the docket and the tariff filing will be placed in our permanent file.

In accordance with the Secretarial letter issued March 17, 2020, this letter will be filed electronically only at this time. I have attached date-stamped copies of the filed tariff pages to the email to the service list and can send physical copies upon request.

Please e-mail me at [tariffs@puc.nh.gov](mailto:tariffs@puc.nh.gov) if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Ben Martin-McDonough*

Ben Martin-McDonough  
Tariff Administrator

cc: Service List

**RATE RECOUPMENT ADDER**

By its Order No. 26,488 issued on June 21, 2021, the Public Utilities Commission approved temporary rates, effective February 1, 2021. By its Order No. 26,659 (July 29, 2022), the Commission approved permanent rates. By its Order No. 26,761 (January 19, 2023) and Order No. 26,771 (February 6, 2023), the Commission approved the step adjustment to be added to permanent rates (“Final Rates”). However, the Company kept temporary rates in place from the period of February 1, 2021 through February 28, 2023, consistent with the settlement agreement, to avoid multiple rate fluctuations. The Company is authorized by the settlement agreement to collect any disparity in revenue during this period using this single adder to be applied over 12 months. The net amount of the recoupment from combining both rate adjustments amounts to a total \$151,481 to be collected from all customers. The corresponding adder was calculated using the volumetric charge from actual water usage and fixed charges by customer class and meter sizes, and reflected the total cumulative charges resulting from the rate changes from temporary to permanent rates, and then permanent to Final Rates over the period starting February 1, 2021 to February 28, 2023.

The adder rates listed below reflect the following: a fixed surcharge or (credit) to customer bills for the next 12 monthly billing periods. Seasonal customers and customers for public fire will receive a one-time charge or credit for the adder.

**REGULAR METERED SERVICE**

|                                 | <b>Size of Meter</b> |          |           |            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------|-----------|------------|
|                                 | 5/8"                 | 1"       | 1 1/2"    | 2"         |
| <b><u>Class of Customer</u></b> |                      |          |           |            |
| <b>Residential</b>              |                      |          |           |            |
| Monthly                         | \$2.56               | (\$3.04) | (\$5.88)  | (\$32.28)  |
| Seasonal (one-time)             | (\$105.09)           | \$345.98 | N/A       | N/A        |
| <b>Commercial</b>               |                      |          |           |            |
| Monthly                         | \$4.44               | \$0.20   | (\$14.21) | \$4.96     |
| Seasonal (one-time)             | (\$17.82)            | \$99.88  | N/A       | \$489.13   |
| <b>Industrial</b>               |                      |          |           |            |
| Monthly                         | N/A                  | N/A      | (\$31.13) | (\$12.52)  |
| Seasonal (one-time)             | N/A                  | N/A      | N/A       | N/A        |
| <b>Public Authority</b>         |                      |          |           |            |
| Monthly                         | \$4.01               | (\$7.37) | \$2.54    | \$69.19    |
| Seasonal (one-time)             | (\$77.62)            | \$155.20 | N/A       | (\$700.45) |

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PRIVATE FIRE SERVICE

|                                 | <u>3" or less</u> | <u>4"</u> | <u>6"</u> | <u>8"</u> | <u>12"</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b><u>Class of Customer</u></b> |                   |           |           |           |            |
| Private Fire - Monthly          | (\$4.25)          | (\$15.70) | (\$25.02) | (\$40.84) | (\$83.18)  |

PUBLIC FIRE SERVICE

|                                    | <b>Total</b>          |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b><u>Public Fire - Annual</u></b> | <b><u>Hydrant</u></b> |
| Town of Hampton                    | \$ 28,410.70          |
| Town of North Hampton              | \$ 15,506.21          |
| Jenness Bch Precinct               | \$ 4,370.88           |
| Rye Beach Precinct                 | \$ 2,497.64           |

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**RATE CASE EXPENSE SURCHARGE**

The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Order No. 26,659 (July 29, 2022) authorized the Company to collect expenses incurred in association with its most recent rate case, in accordance with the terms of the settlement agreement approved by the above-mentioned order in NHPUC Docket DW 20-184. Consistent with the terms of the settlement agreement, this expense will be collected by means of a monthly surcharge of \$3.44 per customer for 12 months beginning September 25, 2023.

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