

Abenaki Water Company and Aquarion Company

DW 21-090

Aquarion Water Company's Responses to Technical Session —Set 1

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REQUEST: In reference to OCA 2-8 questioning recurring savings, the Company Response was that cost that Abenaki currently incurs will be eliminated as a result of the acquisition.

So...why not permanently halt the rate increase request of docket 20-112?

RESPONSE: The Joint Petitioners stated in their response to OCA 2-8 that certain expenses relative to D&O insurance premiums, Mr. Vaughan's salary, and Board of Directors' fees would be eliminated by way of the proposed transaction, thus providing quantifiable near-term savings.. However, Abenaki continues to incur necessary expenses relative to running the utility that are not eliminated or offset by those potential savings. The cost of service and demonstrated need for rate relief in Abenaki's rate application in Docket No. DW 20-112 is driven by operating cost increases and capital requirements that exist irrespective of the proposed transaction and anticipated net savings.