

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DW 20-117**

**HAMPSTEAD AREA WATER COMPANY, INC.**

**Request for Change in Rates**

**Procedural Order Re: Request to Amend Procedural Schedule  
and Request for Hybrid Hearing**

The Commission issued a procedural order on March 1, 2022 granting the New Hampshire Department of Energy's (Energy) request to extend the deadline for filing a settlement or rebuttal testimony to March 16, 2022. Final hearings in this matter are scheduled on March 24 and March 25, 2022. On March 9, 2022, Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC), with the assent of Energy, the Office of the Consumer Advocate, the Town of Atkinson, Sarah Theriault, and Karen Steele, filed a request for the Commission to amend the procedural schedule as follows:

Deadline for Filing Settlement or Rebuttal Testimony	April 11, 2022
Hearings on Permanent Rates	April 18 and 19, 2022

On March 10, 2022, HAWC filed an amended request noting that the Town of Hampstead (Hampstead) assented to this request. The position of the Town of Danville regarding HAWC's request is not known.

To the extent that New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.07(e) provides 10 days for objections, it is hereby waived. HAWC's request to extend the deadline for filing a settlement or rebuttal testimony to April 11, 2022 has been GRANTED. The Commission, however, is not available on the requested hearing dates of April 18 and 19, 2022. The hearings on permanent rates have been rescheduled from March 24 and March 25, 2022 to Wednesday, May 11 and Thursday, May 12,

2022, beginning both days at 9:00 a.m. The hearings will be held in person and conducted in accordance with the hearing guidelines issued on October 14, 2021.

On March 10, 2022, Energy filed a request for its consultant, Howard Solganick, a resident of Pennsylvania, to participate remotely during the hearings on permanent rates. No objections to Energy's request were filed, and good reason for a hybrid hearing format has been provided. To the extent that New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.07(e) provides 10 days for objections, it is hereby waived. Therefore, a hybrid hearing format will be used for the May 11 and May 12, 2022 hearings to accommodate Mr. Solganick only. Any other parties or witnesses wishing to appear remotely are required to file a separate request.

Finally, it appears that testimony in the above-captioned matter was filed in December 2021 by Robert A. Weimar, who identified himself as a Hampstead resident and taxpayer. Yet it does not appear that Mr. Weimar either filed a petition to intervene or was otherwise granted intervenor status. Accordingly, he is not entitled to participate as an intervenor in this proceeding at this time, and his previously filed testimony will be disregarded. Before Mr. Weimar may participate as an intervenor, he must file a petition to intervene for the Commission's consideration. *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17.

**So ordered**, this fourteenth day of March, 2022.



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Presiding Officer  
Chairman

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