

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DW 20-184

AQUARION WATER COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.

Request for Change in Rates

Procedural Order Re: Rescheduled Hearing

By procedural order dated August 23, 2022, the Commission scheduled a hearing in the above-captioned matter to take place on December 1, 2022. On November 21, 2022, petitioner Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire, Inc. (Aquarion) filed a stipulation (Stipulation) reached between parties to the settlement (Settling Parties) filed on June 2, 2022. The Stipulation recommended approval of the step adjustment as agreed to by the Settling Parties. The Stipulation was accompanied by 199 pages of attachments, including an audit report prepared by the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) and Aquarion's responses to discovery.

Aquarion asserted in its cover letter that none of the facts in the Stipulation are in dispute. Therefore, Aquarion contended, the Stipulation should be entered into the record as fact so that the step adjustment may be approved without further process by order *nisi* and the hearing scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2022, may be cancelled. Aquarion further stated that, in the event a hearing is required, it has an unresolvable scheduling conflict on December 1, and that alternative available dates include December 12, 16, 19, or 21.

To ensure adequate review and assessment of the Stipulation, Aquarion is directed to file by December 30, 2022, an executive summary and accompanying detailed explanation of the methodology utilized to support the Stipulation.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Commission has rescheduled the hearing, if needed, to Thursday, January 19, 2023, starting at 9:00 a.m. Three hours are allotted for this hearing, which shall be conducted in person, in accordance with the hearing guidelines issued on April 7, 2022.

So ordered, this twenty-eighth day of November, 2022.



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Chairman



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