

DW 99-057

HAMPTON WATER WORKS COMPANY

Petition for Rate Increase

Order Suspending Proposed Permanent Rate Schedule
and Notice of Prehearing Conference

O R D E R N O. 23,236

June 17, 1999

Hampton Water Works Company Inc. (Hampton or the Petitioner), filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) on May 19, 1999 proposed rate schedules and supporting documentation which, if approved, would result in an increase of approximately 28.9% or a total annual increase in revenue of approximately \$978,500. The Petitioner stated in its prefiled testimony that it is seeking temporary rates which if approved would result in an increase in annual revenue of \$528,098 or a 15.6% increase over its currently authorized level of rates.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to operation and maintenance expenses, the timing and inclusion of rate base additions, rate structure and depreciation study, all of which require a thorough investigation.

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that Hampton's NHPUC No.7 Water: Eighth Revised Page 11; Twenty-First Revised Page 12; Twenty First Revised Page 13; Twenty Second Revised Page 14 and Twentieth Revised Page 15 are hereby suspended pending a full

investigation; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference be held before the Commission located at 8 Old Suncook Road, Concord, New Hampshire on July 15, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary summary of its position with regard to the Petition. Absent objection five days before the prehearing, the Prehearing Conference will be recorded on tape rather than by a stenographer; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, Hampton, the Staff of the Commission and the Intervenors hold a First Technical Session to review the Petition and allow the Petitioner to provide any updates or amendments to its filing as well as prepare a proposed procedural schedule governing the remainder of the proceeding; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.01, notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than June 24, 1999, in a newspaper of general circulation in that portion of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before July 15, 1999; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission an original and eight copies of a

Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Hampton and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before July 12, 1999, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.02 (a)(2); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene file said Objection on or before July 15, 1999.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this seventeenth day of June, 1999.

Douglas L. Patch
Chairman

Nancy Brockway
Commissioner

Susan S. Geiger
Commissioner

Attested by:

Thomas B. Getz
Executive Director and Secretary

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