

DW 99-113

HANOVER WATER WORKS COMPANY

Order Suspending Tariff and Scheduling Prehearing Conference

O R D E R N O. 23,336

November 4, 1999

On October 8, 1999, Hanover Water Works Co. (Company) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a petition, accompanied by supporting testimony and schedules, to increase revenues effective October 1, 1999 by \$192,186. The proposal represents a rate increase of slightly more than 23% for all customer classes.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to the magnitude of the proposed rate increase, cost of capital, operation and maintenance expenses and rate case expenses.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the proposed tariff pages of Hanover Water Works NHPUC Tariff No. 7, Revised Pages 14, 16, 18 and 19 be and hereby are suspended; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.05, be held before the Commission located at 8 Old Suncook Road, Concord, New Hampshire on November 30, 1999 at 10:00 a.m., at which any one or more of the issues set forth in N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.05(c) shall be considered; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Prehearing Conference may be

tape recorded unless a party, at least 5 days in advance of the Prehearing Conference, requests a transcript, in which case the Commission shall order a stenographic record, pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.05(d); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, Company, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition and allow Company to provide any amendments or updates to its filing, as well as to establish a proposed procedural schedule for the duration of the proceeding; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.01, Company shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than November 12, 1999, in a newspaper with statewide circulation or of general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before November 30, 1999; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rule 201.05, the Commission waives, in part, the fourteen day notification requirement of N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.01(a); 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 Company and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before November 23, 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 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before November 29, 1999.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fourth day of November, 1999.

Douglas L. Patch
Chairman

Susan S. Geiger
Commissioner

Nancy Brockway
Commissioner

Attested by:

Thomas B. Getz
Executive Director and Secretary