

DW 04-108

NORTH CONWAY WATER PRECINCT

Petition to Expand Franchise Area

Order Scheduling Additional Public Comment Hearing in the Town of Bartlett

ORDER NO. 24,361

August 18, 2004

On August 16, 2004, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order No. 24,360 in Docket No. DW 04-108. The Order approved, on a *nisi* basis, a petition filed by the North Conway Water Precinct (Precinct) to expand its franchise territory. The Precinct is located in North Conway and Bartlett, New Hampshire. It seeks to include an additional area within the town of Conway known as Pine Hill in order to provide water and sewer/wastewater services to the Conway School District's proposed new Kennett High School, which lies outside the Precinct's boundary. For further details on the petition and the votes in favor of the expansion by the Precinct, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, the Conway School District as to the construction of necessary water and sewer/wastewater improvements, and the towns of Conway, Tamworth, Jackson, Bartlett, Freedom, Madison, Eaton and Albany as to school tuition contracts, see Order No. 24,360.

Though it provisionally approved the petition on the basis of the record before it, the Commission delayed the effective date of the approval until August 25, 2004 to allow for a public comment hearing at which time members of the community may voice concerns or statements of support. If there are issues that cause the Commission to seek further investigation or reach an alternate conclusion, a further order will be issued.

Order No. 24,360 noticed a public hearing on August 23, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conway Police Station. Because the Precinct is located in Bartlett as well as North Conway, the Commission will hold an additional hearing on August 23, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. in the Bartlett Elementary School. Unless comments received at the public hearing persuade us that an alternate conclusion or further investigation is required, authorization for the franchise expansion will become effective August 25, 2004.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that that the Executive Director shall cause a display ad providing public notice of the public statement hearing scheduled for August 23, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. at the Bartlett Elementary School, and at 7:00 p.m. at the Conway Police Station to be published in *The Conway Daily Sun*, in lieu of *The Coos County Democrat*, no later than August 21, 2004.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this eighteenth day of August, 2004.

Thomas B. Getz
Chairman

Graham Morrison
Commissioner

Attested by:

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary