

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DW 12-299

ROSEBROOK WATER COMPANY, INC.

Petition for Transfer of Stock

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,685 Approving Transfer of Stock

July 1, 2014

On October 9, 2012, Rosebrook Water Company, Inc. (Rosebrook), BW Land Holdings LLC (BW), Wells Fargo Bank National Association (Wells Fargo); and REDUS NH Water Co., LLC (REDUS) (together, Joint Petitioners) filed a Verified Joint Petition for Authority to Transfer Stock Ownership (Verified Petition) of Rosebrook from BW to REDUS. BW currently owns all of Rosebrook's stock. Wells Fargo seeks to acquire Rosebrook's stock through its holding company, REDUS. The Joint Petitioners propose no changes in Rosebrook's franchise area, terms of service, or rates. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, is posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2012/12-299.html>.

BW agreed to convey the stock to Wells Fargo pursuant to a foreclosure settlement. According to the Joint Petitioners, Rosebrook's operations will continue in the same manner as before the stock transfer, and current operational staff will remain. The main office and customer service center will not change. Costs are not expected to increase as a result of the change in ownership. The Joint Petitioners state that Wells Fargo is better capitalized and will provide more stable financial conditions for Rosebrook than its current owner.

On May 15, 2014, Commission Staff (Staff) recommended that the Commission approve the stock transfer from BW to REDUS. Staff stated that its earlier concern that Rosebrook planned to use unapproved affiliate agreements to secure operational staff were resolved because Rosebrook now plans to hire the individuals directly. Staff stated that after the transfer, Rosebrook will have better access to financing. Staff concluded that Rosebrook will continue to possess the requisite financial, managerial, and technical capabilities to operate a utility and that the transfer will have no negative effect on water service to customers.

On July 1, 2014, the Commission found the stock transfer to be consistent with the public good and issued an order approving the stock transfer. In order to ensure that all interested parties receive notice of this docket and have an opportunity to request a hearing, the Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval until July 30, 2014. All persons interested in responding to the Commission's decision to approve the stock transfer may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing which states the reason and basis for a hearing no later than July 17, 2014. Any party interested in responding to such comments and request for hearing shall do so no later than July 24, 2014. Following consideration of any comments and request for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the effective date of its approval. The Commission's approval of the Joint Petitioner's request shall become final and effective on July 30, 2014, unless the Commission orders otherwise.