

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DW 15-254

**Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.
Petition to Expand Franchise within the Town of Kingston - King's Landing**

**Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 25,803 Granting Approval of Franchise,
Financing of Assets, and Application of Existing Consolidated Rates**

August 24, 2015

In Order *Nisi* No. 25,803, the Commission approved a petition by Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc. (HAWC), to expand its franchise in Kingston, New Hampshire, and to provide service to residents of King's Landing condominiums. The Commission also approved HAWC's request to finance the purchase of the King's Landing distribution system, and to apply its existing consolidated rates to King's Landing customers. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2015/15-254.html>.

HAWC described the terms of its agreements with Trendezza, LLC (Trendezza), related to the King's Landing development, including: Trendezza's construction of the King's Landing water distribution system to serve forty four customers; HAWC's payment to Trendezza of \$44,000 at \$1,000 per customer hook-up, with no interest installments; Trendezza's grant of water rights and easement deed; and Trendezza's contribution to HAWC of the remaining portion of the system assets, valued at approximately \$337,000, as Contribution in Aid of Construction. HAWC also provided evidence of the Department of Environmental Services' (DES) conditional approval of the two King's Landing wells, for domestic use only. HAWC proposed to charge the King's Landing customers its existing consolidated rates. These include

a \$10.00 base charge per month and a consumption charge of \$5.02 per 100 cubic feet of water used.

The Commission found HAWC's request to provide water service to customers in the King's Landing development consistent with the public good, as required by RSA 374:22 and RSA 374:26. The Commission also found that HAWC satisfied the DES suitability and availability requirements for water systems under RSA 374:22, III. With regard to HAWC's proposed financing, the Commission found the intended use and terms to be reasonable and consistent with the public good, as required by RSA 369:1. In addition, the Commission found that HAWC's consolidated rates are just and reasonable for the King's Landing development and authorized HAWC to charge those rates to those customers, on a service-rendered basis as of the effective date of the 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 September 24, 2015. All persons interested in responding to the Commission's approval may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing which states the reason and basis for a hearing no later than September 10, 2015. Any party interested in responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than September 17, 2015. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the effective date of its approval. The Commission's approval shall become final and effective on September 24, 2015, unless the Commission orders otherwise.