

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DW 17-119 & DW 17-120

PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY, INC. & PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.

Petitions to Modify Merrimack Source Development Charge

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 26,076 Granting Petitions

November 17, 2017

On November 17, 2017, the Commission approved a new method by which Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU), and Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW), will collect the cost of the Merrimack Source Development Charge (MSDC) from customers. PEU and PWW will collect a fee only from customers who connect a new service line to PEU or PWW water systems that purchase water from Manchester Water Works, Inc. The method approved will result in a net pass-through of the cost to purchase of additional capacity under the terms of the wholesale contracts with Manchester Water Works, Inc., to customers with new service lines. Those Customers who initiate newly installed service connections will be required to pay a one-time fee before their service is connected. The fee will depend on assumed water usage, based on meter size, and the Manchester Water Works rate in effect at the time of the service request. For example, a customer connecting a new service line and taking service in 2018 through a 5/8 inch meter will be charged a one-time fee of \$1,030 calculated at an assumed 288 gallons per day of capacity (base on meter size) multiplied by the rate of \$3.57 per gallon (the rate expected to be charged by Manchester Water Works in 2018).

The Order, 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://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2017/17-119.html> (PEU) and <http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2017/17-120.html> (PWW).

The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval of PEU's and PWW's requests for a new method to collect the costs of the MSDC. All persons interested in responding to the Commission's action may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing, which states the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than December 4, 2017. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than December 11, 2017. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its order. The Commission's order shall become final and effective on December 17, 2017, unless the Commission orders otherwise.