STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DW 15-199

ABENAKI WATER COMPANY, INC.

Request for Change in Rates

Order Suspending Tariff Amendment

<u>ORDER NO. 26,217</u>

January 30, 2019

This order suspends tariff amendments filed by Abenaki Water Company, Inc. (Abenaki or the Company), to reflect changes to City of Laconia sewer rates. The Company's revised tariff pages and supporting documents, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted on the Commission's website at http://www.puc.state.nh.us/Regulatory/Docketbk/2015/15-199.html.

On December 31, 2018, Abenaki filed a revised tariff page relative to an increase in sewer rates for Abenaki's Lakeland Water System, located in Belmont. The Lakeland Water System discharges its wastewater to the City of Laconia for treatment and is, therefore, subject to City of Laconia sewer rates. In Order No. 25,905 (June 3, 2016), the Commission allowed Abenaki to seek one adjustment to its sewer rates in Belmont when and if the City of Laconia adjusted its rates. Laconia passed an ordinance increasing the sewer rates on October 22, 2018, effective for February 1, 2019. Abenaki's December 31 filing reflects that increase.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, whether the proposed tariff amendments and the resulting sewer rates are in conformity with Commission Order No. 25,905.

Pursuant to RSA 378:6, I(b), the Commission will suspend Abenaki's tariff amendment for three months from issuance of this order.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that Abenaki's tariff amendment, relative to sewer rates for Abenaki's Lakeland Water System, is hereby suspended under RSA 378:6, I(b), for three months from issuance of this order.

By Order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this thirtieth day of January, 2019.

Martin P. Honigberg Chairman Kathryn M. Bailey Commissioner

Michael S. Giaimo
Commissioner

Attested by:

Lori A. Davis
Assistant Secretary