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March 22, 2021

Re: DW 20-156, Pennichuck East Utility, Inc.
Request for Change in Rates
Petitions to Intervene

To the Parties:

During the January 27, 2021 prehearing conference held in the above-referenced matter, the Commission took under advisement the petitions to intervene filed by Richard Lascelles, Marc Cloutier, Nicole Fordey, Ralph Boehm, Mark Vandendyke, Robert Corcoran, Christopher Burns, Andrew Myers, Richard Husband, Thomas Boutilier, and the Towns of Londonderry, Litchfield, Pelham, and Hooksett. Pennichuck East Utility, Inc. (PEU) objected to Mr. Husband's request, contained in his petition to intervene, that the Commission address issues relating to Saint-Gobain's payment for customer water, debt service, and property taxes. Mr. Husband and the Office of the Consumer Advocate filed responses to PEU's objection.

No objections were filed in response to the petitions to intervene filed by Messieurs Lascelles, Cloutier, Boehm, Vandendyke, Corcoran, Burns, Meyers, and Boutilier, and Ms. Fordey, all of whom are residential ratepayers of PEU. Therefore, the Commission has granted their requests to intervene, finding that the applicable standard for intervention in RSA 541-A:32 has been met. Although Mr. Meyers stated in his petition that he represents 21 other residential ratepayers, the Commission has granted Mr. Meyer's individual request to intervene only, and is not granting intervention status to the 21 unidentified ratepayers.

In his petition to intervene, Mr. Husband has raised issues that were not raised in PEU's rate filing, as described in Order No. 26,436 (December 17, 2020). The Commission has granted Mr. Husband's petition to intervene pursuant to RSA 541-A:32, but declines to limit the scope of his intervention at this time. The Commission reminds all participants in this proceeding that their participation is generally limited to the issues stated in Order No. 26,436. The Commission will address a request to expand the scope of this proceeding only upon the filing of an appropriate motion.

The Towns of Londonderry, Litchfield, Pelham, and Hooksett are PEU customers with special contracts. As no objections to their petition to intervene were filed, the Commission has granted their jointly filed request to intervene pursuant to RSA 541-A:32. However, they are not granted intervention as representatives of their ratepayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Howland".

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