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April 9, 2021

Re: DW 20-117, Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.
Request for Change in Rates
Granting Petitions to Intervene and Scheduling April 22, 2021 Technical Session

To the Parties:

On March 31, 2021, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a letter requesting the Commission to schedule an additional technical session on April 22, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Staff stated that the participants at the previous technical session held on March 17, 2021 assented to this request.

On the same date, Staff filed a request for the Commission to rule on the five pending petitions to intervene. Those petitions for intervention include four by ratepayers of the Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.: the Town of Atkinson Board of Selectmen (Atkinson); the Town of Danville; the Town of Hampstead (Hampstead); and Sarah Theriault. The fifth was filed by Karen Steele, an Atkinson taxpayer. Hampstead also filed an amended request to intervene on March 26, 2021 to include the three officers of the Board of Selectmen's Water Resources Committee.

No objections were filed in response to the intervention requests. Staff, however, recommended that the Commission direct Atkinson and Ms. Steele, if their intervention requests were granted, to combine their efforts during this proceeding, based on their common interest of a potential rate increase faced by Atkinson.

The Commission has granted the foregoing requests to intervene, finding that the standard for intervention in RSA 541-A:32 has been met. *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17. Atkinson and Ms. Steele shall participate jointly in this docket to the extent possible. *See* RSA 541-A:32, III(c).

In addition, the Commission has scheduled a remote technical session to be held by Webex on Thursday, April 22, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., in accordance with the previously issued remote hearing guidelines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

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Executive Director

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