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Re: DW 12-359 Pennichuck Water Works, Inc.

Petition for Approval of Water Infrastructure and Conservation Adjustment Filing Commission Approval of Interventions and Procedural Schedule

## To the Parties:

On December 24, 2012 and January 28, 2013, Mr. Fred Teeboom and Mr. Geoffrey M. Daly filed respective petitions to intervene in this docket which considers the request of Pennichuck Water Works (PWW) to approve its 2014 proposed Water Infrastructure and Conservation Adjustment (WICA) projects. The Commission conducted a duly-noticed prehearing conference on January 30, 2013 at which PWW objected to the intervention requests; Staff and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) did not object.

The Commission has considered the intervention petitions and arguments and has concluded that Messrs. Teeboom and Daly have demonstrated, as required by RSA 541-A:32, I(b), that they have rights, duties, privileges, and immunities that may be affected by the proceeding. The petitions to intervene, therefore, are granted.

In Order No. 25,230 in PWW's prior rate case, Docket No. DW 10-091, the Commission stated: "[w]e will review the effectiveness of the WICA in PWW's next rate proceeding in accordance with the terms of the settlement agreement." Accordingly, Messrs. Teeboom and Daly, and all parties and Staff, must adhere to the scope of the docket, which is limited to issues pertaining to PWW's December 24, 2012 WICA filing. Evaluation of the effectiveness of the WICA and whether the mechanism should remain in place in the future are not the subject of this proceeding. Rather, those issues will be the subject of PWW's next rate proceeding, as laid out in Order No. 25,230.

Following the prehearing conference and technical session, Staff, on behalf of PWW, OCA, and Messrs. Teeboom and Daly filed a proposed procedural schedule:

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The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and therefore has approved it. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this Secretarial Letter as its prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely, Debra A. Howland All

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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