## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## **RE: PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.**

## **DOCKET NO. DW 13-130**

## PETITION FOR TEMPORARY RATES

Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. ("PWW" or the "Company"), pursuant to RSA 378:27 and 378:29, petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") to fix, determine and prescribe, effective with service rendered on or after July 1, 2013, reasonable temporary rates pending the Commission's final decision on the Company's request for permanent rate relief in this docket. This filing is made in accordance with Paragraph III. B. 5. of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,292 (November 23, 2011) in Docket No. DW 11-026 (Settlement Agreement). In support thereof, the Company states as follows:

 On May 1, 2013, in accordance with Puc Rule 1604.05, the Company filed a Notice of Intent to file Rate Schedules with the Commission and the Office of Consumer Advocate.

2. Contemporaneous with this Petition for Temporary Rates, the Company is filing revised tariff pages to Tariff NHPUC No. 5 - Water, proposing an increase in the Company's permanent rates. The Company proposes a permanent rate increase of 0.12%, which will generate an additional \$34,016 in annual operating revenues. The proposed rates are based on a December 31, 2012 test year.

3. As described in the testimony of Donald L. Ware, the Company requests that the Commission make current rates effective on a temporary basis, which represents no

increase. The Company requests that the temporary rates take effect on July 1, 2013, on a service rendered basis.

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission:

A. Grant this Petition for Temporary Rates, making current rates effective on a temporary basis for service rendered on and after July 1, 2013, subject to refund or recoupment;

B. Order that temporary rates remain in effect until such time the Commission issues a final order establishing permanent rates; and

C. Grant such other relief as is just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.

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