

Temporary Rates Sought

PENNICHUCK WATER WORKS, INC.

On March 16, 2020, Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. (PWW) filed temporary rate schedules with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to establish its current rates for all customer classes, including General Metered, Non-Metered, Municipal and Private Fire Services, and portions of special contracts, as temporary rates, effective March 16, 2020. PWW argued that it is under-earning and eligible for temporary rates pursuant to RSA 378:27. The establishment of temporary rates is significant because RSA 378:29 permits a utility to recoup the difference between the income it obtains charging temporary rates and the income the utility would have obtained if it had charged the final rates during the period that the temporary order was in effect. The filing can be accessed at: <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-084.html>. In its permanent rate case, PWW has asked for an overall permanent increase of 11.91%. The permanent increases requested by PWW by customer class as part of the rate petition filed in July of 2019 were as follows:

General Metered - 7.85%
Non-Metered - 7.85%
Municipal Fire - 24.20%
Private Fire - 72.09%

For example, the increase sought for PWW residential General Metered customers would result in a change to the average bill as follows:

Average Residential Monthly Bill Based on Average Monthly Usage of 7.77 CCF (100 Cubic Feet)				
	Customer Charge Based on 5/8" meter	Volumetric Charge per CCF	Volumetric Charge	Total Monthly
Current Rates	\$22.58	\$3.66	\$28.44	\$51.02
Proposed Permanent Rate	\$24.35	\$3.95	\$30.69	\$55.04

The Commission has scheduled a web-enabled remote hearing on May 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Members of the public can access the hearing at: <https://nhgov.webex.com/nhgov/onstage/g.php?MTID=eb81d10462841c2ccd8176159f75c9db9> Parties will be provided additional instructions prior to the hearing. Persons having difficulty obtaining access to this remote event should notify the Commission by calling (603) 271-2431. Any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission a petition to intervene electronically to the service list for this docket on or before May 11, 2020, such petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17. The petition should be filed electronically using the service list for Docket No. DW 19-084 accessed at: <https://www.puc.nh.gov/PublicReports/ViewServList.aspx>. Any party objecting to a petition to intervene shall make the objection on or before May 13, 2020, using the service list for this docket.

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