

Rate Increase Sought

PITTSFIELD AQUEDUCT COMPANY, INC.

Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc. (PAC) has filed rate schedules with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to increase its rates for all customer classes, including General Metered, Non-Metered, Municipal Fire Protection-Hydrants and private Fire Protection and Metered Service for the Town of Pittsfield Fire Department. PAC has sought a permanent increase of 11.18% for all rate classes.

PAC seeks this increase based on increased operating expenses as well as investment in its plant and treatment systems to ensure continued compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The increase sought for PAC 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 5.19 CCF (100 Cubic Feet)				
	Customer Charge Based on 5/8" meter	Volumetric Charge per CCF	Volumetric Charge	Total Monthly
Current Rates	\$24.49	\$6.48	\$33.63	\$58.12
Proposed Permanent Rate	\$27.23	\$7.20	\$37.39	\$64.62

The Commission will issue an order scheduling a Pre-Hearing Conference to be held via WebEx. When the order is issued, the Company will post it at www.pennichuck.com and publish the order in area newspaper(s). At the Pre-hearing Conference, the Commission will hear preliminary statements from PAC and other parties and will consider requests for formal intervenor status.

The Pre-Hearing Conference is open to the public. Customers and other interested parties are invited to attend the hearing and comment on PAC's request. Those unable to attend the Pre-Hearing may submit written comments to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission at 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord NH 03301 or via e-mail at puc@puc.nh.gov Tel: (603) 271-2431 Fax: (603) 271-3878.

**For more information please reference the
enclosed information sheet or call
Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc. at 1-800-553-5191**