COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Petition of Housatonic Water Works Company,	)	
Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164.94 and M.G.L. c. 165.2,	)	
For a General Rate Increase as set forth in	)	D.P.U. 23-65
M.D.P.U. 18 and M.D.P.U. 19	)	
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PETITION FOR APPROVAL

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164.94 and c. 165.2, Housatonic Water Works Company ("Company" of "HWWC") respectfully requests that the Department of Public Utilities ("Department" or "DPU") approve the Company's proposed tariff changes designed to increase rates and charges. In support thereof, the Company states as follows:

1. HWCC is engaged in the business of treatment, distribution, and sale of water to approximately 850 customers in the Village of Housatonic in the Town of Great Barrington.
2. The Company's principal administrative office is located at 80 Maple Avenue, Suite 1, Great Barrington, Massachusetts.
3. The Company's last general rate increase is a result of its 2015 filling (DPU 15-179) which was approved in two phases, the second of which became effective June 1, 2019. This investment will help accomplish improvements in four important areas of concern, including public health protection (disinfection by products), aesthetic water quality (water color), public safety (fire flows), and system resilience (interconnect with a neighboring system). The rate increase will also cover continued attritional replacement of piping and hydrants (part of HWWC's asset management program), staffing requirements for the new treatment system, and exploring additional water sources. Accordingly, the Company is requesting to increase annual revenues $808,808.00 or 112.70% over present revenues at existing rates.
4. To support the Company's revenue request and proposed tariff changes, the Company files the following:
    - Testimony of James J. Mercer, Director and General Manager of HWWC, discussing the Company's ongoing efforts to upgrade its water facilities and operations in order to improve service and comply with its Master Plan with the Department of Environmental Protection; and

- Testimony of Consultant Gary C. White explaining the rate study supporting this petition.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth in this petition and in the testimony and exhibits of the Company's witnesses, Housatonic Water Works Company respectfully requests that the Department:

ORDER: That the Tariff set forth, filed herewith, are just and reasonable and are approved; and

ORDER: That the Rules and Regulations, filed herewith, are approved and adopted.

ORDER: Such other and further order and approvals be necessary or appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,

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