

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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Petition of East Northfield Water Company )  
for Approval of General Increase in Water Rates and Charges ) D.P.U. 19 - 57  
Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and G.L. c. 165, § 2, and )  
220 C.M.R. §§ 5.00 et seq. )  

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**PETITION FOR APPROVAL**

Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and G.L. c. 165, § 2, and 220 C.M.R. §§ 5.00 et seq., East Northfield Water Company (the “Company” or “ENWC”) respectfully requests that the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) approve the Company’s proposed tariff changes designed to increase water rates and charges. In support of this Petition, the Company states as follows:

1. The Company is a public utility engaged in the business of development, treatment and distribution and sale of water to approximately 300 customers in Northfield, Massachusetts.

2. The Company’s office is located at 1 Parker Avenue, Northfield, MA 01360.

3. The Company’s last general distribution rate increase was authorized by the Department in D.P.U. 11-150.

4. Based on a review of the Company’s investment in rate base and revenues and expenses as of December 31, 2018 test year, the Company has determined that its current rates are not sufficient to provide the Company with a reasonable opportunity to

recover the costs incurred to provide utility service to customers. As a result, the Company is requesting a two step increase: \$85,911 increase in annual revenues or a 43 percent increase over existing revenues in rate year one and \$120,911 increase in annual revenues or a 42 percent increase over then existing revenues in rate year two. Note that the year one impact on customer rates is much larger because previous contributions to the Company from Northfield Mount Hermon School have ceased.

5. In support of the Company's request for rate relief and proposed tariff changes, it submits the following:

- a. Testimony of John E. Alden, Jr., Director and President of the Company - providing general overview of the Company's filing, the expenses for which the Company seeks recovery, the capital improvements made since the Company's last rate case, and the Company's efforts to contain costs;
- b. Testimony of David M. Fox of Raftelis Consulting – providing testimony regarding the overall need for rate relief, describing the development of the revenue requirements, the appropriate return on equity, and various rate design issues.

6. Consistent with the provisions of G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. § 5.02(4)(a), the Company proposed rate tariffs bear an effective date of June 1, 2019, which is the first day of the month following the Company's filing and at least fourteen days after the Company's filing.

**WHEREFORE**, the Company respectfully requests that the Department:

- a) Issue an order finding that the proposed tariff M.D.P.U. No. 13, attached hereto, is just and reasonable and is approved; and
- b) Provide such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted by,

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COMPANY

By its attorneys,

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