

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DW 08-070

Lakes Region Water Company, Inc.

Petition for Approval of Financing and Authority to Increase Rates

PETITION TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS

ASSOCIATION AT SUISSEVALE, INC.

The Property Owners Association at Suissevale, Inc. (“POASI”) respectfully petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for leave to intervene as a full party in the above-captioned proceeding under Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32. In support of this petition, POASI represents that:

1. On May 29, 2008 the Commission issued an Order of Notice in the above-captioned docket opening a proceeding to review a petition that Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. (“Lakes Region”) filed on May 15, 2008 in which it requested the Commission’s approval to finance approximately \$779,930 in order to complete a number of capital improvements in its water system. In that Order of Notice the Commission set a prehearing conference for July 1, 2008 at 10AM and established a deadline of June 26, 2008 for the submission of petitions to intervene.

2. POASI is an association of homeowners located in Moultonborough, New Hampshire, which owns, maintains and operates its own water distribution system for the sole purpose of providing water to its members. The Department of Environmental Services has determined that POASI is not a public water system within the meaning of

RSA 485:1-a, XV. POASI has never been regulated as a public utility and the Commission has granted POASI an exemption from regulation as a public utility pursuant to RSA 362:4. Order No. 24,698 issued on November 8, 2006 in DW 06-106.

3. POASI is a long-standing customer of Lakes Region that depends on Lakes Region for the water needed to serve its members. Lakes Region has supplied water to POASI as a wholesale customer since 1994 through one meter point located on the edge of its franchise area in its Paradise Shores System adjacent to POASI. In Order No. 24,693, issued on October 31, 2006 in docket DW 06-133, the Commission approved a 30 year special contract between Lakes Region and POASI pursuant to which Lakes Region supplies water to POASI.

4. POASI has made a capital contribution, subject to certain terms and conditions, to the construction of a water storage facility, which Lakes Region is in the process of constructing and which will be used in part to serve POASI. That water storage facility is one of the capital improvements that Lakes Region is seeking approval to finance in this docket.

5. The financial, public health and safety interests of POASI's members and POASI's interest as a wholesale customer of Lakes Region, POASI's rights, duties, privileges or substantial interests, may be affected by this proceeding. POASI believes it must intervene in this proceeding to protect these rights. Granting POASI's petition for intervention would be in the interest of justice and would not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, POASI respectfully requests that the Commission grant it full intervenor status in the proceeding or grant such other relief as the Commission deems just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

Property Owners Association at Suissevale, Inc.

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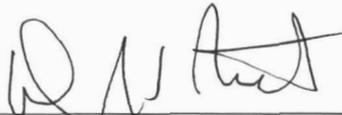
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Dated: June 25, 2008

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Petition has on this 25th day of June, 2008 been mailed first class postage to Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. and the Office of Consumer Advocate.

By:



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