

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

LAKES REGION WATER COMPANY, INC.

DW 08-070

PETITION FOR AUTHORITY TO FINANCE AND TO INCREASE RATES

MOTION TO CHANGE HEARING DATE

NOW COMES Staff of the Public Utilities Commission and respectfully requests the Commission change the hearing date in this docket, which is presently scheduled for December 2, 2010, at 10:00 AM. In support of this Motion, Staff states as follows:

1. On November 18, 2010, Staff and Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. filed a stipulation agreement resolving issues in the instant docket. The stipulation calls for rates in Docket No. DW 08-070 to be authorized on the same date as proposed temporary rates in Docket No. DW 10-141 and the financial implications of the settlement relate to and are accounted for in Docket No. DW 10-141. Staff and the company also filed a stipulation agreement in Docket No. 10-141 to be presented at the December 13, 2010 hearing.

2. Because the participants in Docket No. DW 08-070, are largely the same, Staff states that it would be more administratively efficient to conduct the December 2, 2010 hearing in the instant docket on December 13, 2010, at 1:30 PM, the hearing date set aside for Docket No. DW 10-141. For example, on November 8, 2010, Staff and the parties met in the morning in a technical session for the instant docket and the same participants met in another technical session later that afternoon in Docket No. DW 10-141, Lakes Region Water Company, Inc.'s rate proceeding.

3. The Property Owners Association at Suissevale is an intervenor in Docket No. DW 10-141 but is the only party from the rate case docket who is not participating in Docket No. DW 08-070.

4. The Hidden Valley Property Owners Association is an intervenor in Docket No. DW 08-070 and was granted intervention status at the prehearing held in Docket No. DW 10-141.

5. To promote administrative efficiency, Staff believes it is easier for all parties involved to conduct hearings in the two dockets on one day, rather than on two days. Staff believes there will be sufficient time to cover issues relating to both dockets at the December 13th hearing time. Staff and Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. are prepared to present both stipulations in Docket No. DW 08-070 and Docket No. DW 10-141 at the December 13, 2010 hearing and then be open for cross examination, as a panel, for all parties on all issues in the two dockets. In the alternative, Staff and Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. will be prepared to address issues in Docket No. DW 08-070, and then reconvene the hearing to address issues in Docket No. DW 10-141.

6. Lakes Region Water Company, Inc., Office of the Consumer Advocate, and Property Owners Association at Suissevale concur with this motion. Staff was unable to obtain a position from Hidden Valley Property Owners Association prior to the filing of this motion.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission:

- A. Change the procedural schedule in Docket No. DW 08-070 to hold the December 2, 2010 hearing on December 13, 2010; and
- B. Grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

STAFF OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rules Puc 203.02(a)(3) and Puc 203.11, I hereby certify that on this 19th day of November 2010, I served electronic copies of this Motion to each person identified on the Commission's service list for Docket No. DG 10-041.

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