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February 6, 2012

Re: DW 10-159, West Swanzey Water Company  
General Rate Case  
Request to Extend Date to File Step Adjustment

To the Parties:

On December 27, 2011, West Swanzey Water Company (West Swanzey) filed a letter requesting an extension of the deadline to file a step adjustment to its rates. In its Order No. 25,203 (March 15, 2011), the Commission determined to allow West Swanzey one step adjustment filing, to be made before the end of 2011. West Swanzey anticipated capital improvements involving rehabilitation of its well #2, as well as replacement or rehabilitation of the associated well pump, at a cost of approximately \$33,000. West Swanzey states that it has been in discussions with the Department of Environmental Services (DES) about the availability of State Revolving Loan Funds (SRF) and has been considering an expansion of the scope of the capital improvements in light of SRF availability. Based on these discussions, West Swanzey requested extension of the time for filing its step adjustment to the end of 2012.

On January 27, 2012, Staff filed a letter recommending the Commission grant approval for the extension of time. Staff indicated that it had discussed the issues with the company and that West Swanzey had decided not to pursue expansion of the scope of the proposed improvements. Further, West Swanzey would be shortly filing a petition for approval to borrow funds from the SRF. Staff supported the extension of the time to file a step adjustment based on the fact that the improvements are needed, that West Swanzey is a very small utility, and that a step adjustment would be far less costly to the company and its ratepayers than another full rate proceeding.

The Commission has determined that extending the time for West Swanzey to file its previously approved step adjustment to the end of 2012 will not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party. Accordingly, West Swanzey's request for an extension of time to file for a step adjustment to its rates, through the end of 2012, is approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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