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Re: DW 12-254 Forest Edge Water Company  
Rate Case Step Adjustment  
Staff Recommendation Regarding Extension of Time to File

Dear Ms. Howland:

On September 20, 2013, the Commission issued Order No. 25,575 in this docket, approving a settlement agreement which provided for new permanent rates for Forest Edge Water Company (Forest Edge). That order also approved the filing of a step adjustment no later than June 30, 2014. On September 30, 2014, Forest Edge filed a letter requesting an extension of time to June 30, 2015 to file its step adjustment request. Staff believes the request is reasonable and recommends approval.

The approved step adjustment for Forest Edge relates to a system mapping project. Forest Edge cites the lack of cash as the reason it has been unable to complete this project. The company seeks an additional year to complete it and file its step adjustment request. Staff acknowledges that Forest Edge is a small utility and that cash flow is not infrequently an issue with companies of this size. Staff supports the extension of time, provided that all other provisions related to the step adjustment contained in the approved settlement agreement remain in force. The most significant of these is consideration of any revenues provided by new customers connected to the system since the date of that agreement.

In this docket the Commission approved the interventions of Robert L. deFeyter, Renee Arakelian, Ledge Top Co., Inc., and Richard A Lake. It does not appear that Forest Edge has provided a copy of its extension request to these parties. Staff recommends that the Commission defer ruling on this extension request until the

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company has done so, and adequate time is provided for those parties to provide a position on the request if they wish to do so.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Naylor  
Director, Gas & Water Division

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