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October 6, 2016

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director NH Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

Re: DW 15-209 Lakes Region Water Company, Inc.
Request for Change in Rates
Settlement Agreement

Enclosed for filing is an original and six copies of a Settlement Agreement in this proceeding. Commission Staff, Lakes Region Water Company, and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (the Settling Parties) will present testimony in support of this Agreement at the merits hearing scheduled for October 12, 2016.

Pursuant to Commission rule 203.20(e) settlement agreements should be filed no less than 5 days prior to hearing. An exception is provided pursuant to 203.20(f) when the acceptance of a late-filed agreement promotes the orderly and efficient conduct of the hearing, and will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding. Staff on behalf of the Settling Parties asserts that these standards are met under the current circumstances, in that all issues in this rate case are resolved in this agreement, and therefore an orderly and efficient hearing will result. Other approved intervenors in this docket have not participated in any settlement negotiations, and therefore their rights are not impaired by this late filing. The Settling Parties therefore respectfully request the Commission to accept the filing of this agreement.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Navlor

Director, Gas & Water Division

cc: Service List (electronically)

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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.