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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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January 10, 2017

RE: DW 15-209, Lakes Region Water Co., Inc.
Order No. 25,969

To the Parties:

Enclosed is revised page 9 of Order No. 25,969 (November 28, 2016). The Unmetered General Customers Quarterly rate has been changed from "\$188.55" to "180.55."

All other portions of this order remain unchanged. Please substitute the enclosed revised page to your copy of Order No. 25,969.

Very truly yours,

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

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

Enclosure
cc: Service List
Docket File

The resulting initial rates by customer class recommended by Staff are as follows:

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>
Waterville Valley Gateway Pool	\$1,676.98	\$419.25
Unmetered General Customers	\$722.20	\$180.55
Metered General Customers:		
Customer Charge	\$568.05	\$142.01
Meter Charge (per ccf)	\$5.53	\$5.53

IV. ANALYSIS AND DECISION

Under RSA 541-A:31, V(a), informal disposition may be made of a contested case at any time prior to the entry of a final decision or order, by stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order, or default. We encourage parties to settle issues through negotiation and compromise because it is an opportunity for creative problem solving, allows the parties to reach a result in line with their expectations, and is often a better alternative to litigation. *Granite State Electric Co.*, Order No. 23,966, at 10 (May 8, 2002); *see* RSA 541-A:31 V(a).

The Commission's procedural rules provide for the approval of a settlement "if it determines that the result is just and reasonable and serves the public interest." NH Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.20(b). Thus, the Commission cannot approve a settlement without independently determining that the result comports with applicable standards. *Granite State Electric Co.* at 11. The process leading up to a settlement is one relevant factor in determining whether we should approve the agreement.

A. Initial Rates and Reconciliation of Temporary and Permanent Rates

Pursuant to RSA 378:3, "no change shall be made in any rate, fare, charge, or price, which shall have been filed or published by a public utility ... except after 30 days' notice to the

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Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.11 (a) (1): Serve an electronic copy on each person identified on the service list.

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