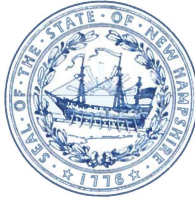


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Re: DW 18-056 – Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. (“LRWC” or “Company”)  
Investigation to Determine Rate Effects of Federal and State Corporate Tax  
Reductions  
Staff Recommendation Regarding Company’s Request for a 90-Day Extension  
to Submit Responses to Staff’s Discovery

Dear Ms. Howland:

On February 4, 2019, LRWC filed a request for a 90-day extension to file responses to Staff discovery in this docket. Staff recommends that the Commission approve an extension for LRWC to file discovery in this proceeding for not more than 90-days, or April 29, 2019.

On October 9, 2018, LRWC submitted its compliance filing in response to Commission Order No. 26,096 (January 3, 2018) in Docket IR 18-001. LRWC’s filing was assigned Docket No. DW 18-056.

On January 15, 2019, Staff submitted discovery to LRWC relative to its filing and requested responses by January 29, 2019. On February 4, LRWC filed its request for a 90-day extension, or until April 29, 2019. The Company explained that this additional time is necessary in order to enable it to finalize its 2018 financial statements and review the results with its outside consultants before responding to Staff’s discovery.

Staff notes that LRWC’s compliance filing in this docket was received more than six months after the originally ordered due date of April 1, 2018 as the Commission granted two previous extension requests by the Company in this regard. While Staff understands LRWC’s desire to finalize and review its most recent financial results in conjunction with providing discovery responses in this docket, Staff is also concerned with the Company’s continual requests for filing extensions in this proceeding. Staff further believes that LRWC’s 90-day extension request provides more than ample time

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for it to prepare and review its 2018 financial results prior to its submission of the requested discovery. The requested extension date of April 29, 2019 is subsequent to both the filing date of LRWC's annual report with the Commission of March 31, 2019 and the Company's corporate tax filing deadline of April 15, 2019. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission approve an extension for LRWC to file discovery in this proceeding for not more than 90-days, or April 29, 2019.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jayson P. Laflamme  
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