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December 17, 2019

Stephen P. St. Cyr Stephen P. St. Cyr & Associates 17 Sky Oaks Drive Biddeford, ME 04005

Re:

DW 19-177, Lakes Region Water Company, Inc.

Request for Change in Rates

Request for Waiver of Puc 1604.05(c)

Dear Mr. St. Cyr:

On December 13, 2019, Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. (LRWC) filed a request to waive N.H. Admin. R., Puc 1604.05(c), which required it to submit its rate filing by December 16, 2019. Commission Staff (Staff) filed a recommendation on December 16, in which Staff recommended that the Commission grant LRWC's request pursuant to Puc 201.05.

LRWC stated that a one-week extension of the deadline to file its rate case was necessary because, although its rate filing was substantially complete, it required this additional time to make any final adjustments and to conduct a final review. Staff recommended that LRWC's request be granted, as an extension would serve the public interest by allowing LRWC to submit a more accurate filing, which would result in a more efficient and less costly rate case examination. Staff also noted that a one-week extension until December 23, 2019 constituted a brief delay, which would not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of this matter.

The Commission has reviewed LRWC's request for a waiver of Puc 1604.05(c) and, based on Staff's recommendation, determined that the standards for waiver contained in Puc 201.05 have been satisfied. Accordingly, LRWC's request to waive the requirements of Puc 1604.05(c) has been granted. LRWC shall file its proposed rate schedule on or before Monday, December 23, 2019.

> Sincerely, D. A. A.

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