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RE: Docket No. DW 19-177 – Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. – Dockham Shores Division
Request for Change in Rates
Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Executive Director Howland:

Pursuant to Order No. 26,329 issued on January 30, 2020, in the above-mentioned docket, a technical session was held on March 4, 2020, following a Prehearing Conference. Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. (Lakes Region or the Company) and Staff of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Staff) were the only participants, and there are no intervenors in this docket.

The Company, in its permanent rate petition for its Dockham Shores division, filed on December 23, 2019, in this docket, notified the Commission that it intended to petition for a separate general rate increase sometime in 2020. The Company stated that it would request consolidated rates among the entirety of its divisions, including Dockham Shores, in the additional filing. At the Prehearing Conference, and through follow-up conversations, however, the Company stated that it was less certain "that its 2019 financial results would justify" the Company's decision to file that separate rate petition. During the technical session, the Company further explained its uncertainty.

After discussion, both Staff and the Company agreed that Lakes Region should make a final decision regarding the consolidated rate case filing, as it would greatly inform the procedure in the instant docket. Lakes Region stated that in order to make its determination, additional time is necessary to compile its 2019 financial information and submit its annual report, due March 31. As such, Staff and the Company agreed to that allowance. Staff and Lakes Region, furthermore, agreed to meeting in an additional technical session to discuss the Company's annual report and the final decision regarding a consolidated rate filing.

For those reasons, Staff and the Company agreed to the following procedural schedule:

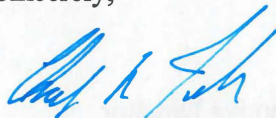
Technical Session

April 22, 2020 @ 9 a.m.

Staff, on behalf of Lakes Region, requests that the Commission approve the proposed schedule.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Hearings Examiner/Staff Attorney

cc: Service List (electronically)