

# LAKES REGION WATER COMPANY INC.

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Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm

May 2, 2020

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director & Secretary  
NH Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, N. H. 03301-2429

RE: DW 19-177- Actual Rate Expenses pursuant to PUC 1905.01

Dear Ms. Howland:

Attached please find Lakes Region Water Company's schedule of Rate Case Expenses to meet PUC 1905.01(a) (1) c & d and (2) requirement of every 90 days thereafter.

As of March 31, 2020, the Company has incurred a total of **\$16,204.12** in Rate Case Expenses.

As previously filed on January 9, 2020, to meet PUC 1905.01a (1) a, b & d, and (3) requirements the Company selected Stephen P. St. Cyr and Attorney Richardson to provide the necessary rate case services. Steve St. Cyr's rate is \$140/hour and estimates that his total costs will be \$24,000.00. Attorney Richardson's rate for 2019 while employed for Upton & Hatfield is \$220/hour and his 2020 rate for his own practice "NH Water Law" is \$175/hour. Attorney Richardson estimates his total cost will be \$35,000.00.

PUC 1905.01 a (3) advises a total estimated cost of each service, at the time of the January 9, 2020 filing the Company did not have an estimate of cost for posting the notice or Steve E. Patnaude, LCR expense as noted in the Company's attached schedule.

The Company apologizes for the delay in filing this requirement. The Covid-19 pandemic provided many challenges for the Company's staff to overcome. We are all looking forward to resuming some sense of normalcy soon.

If you have any question or comments, please let me know at (603)707-0644 or at [leah@lakesregionwater.com](mailto:leah@lakesregionwater.com).

Sincerely,  
*Leah Valladares*  
Leah Valladares  
Utility Manager

CC: Service list (electronically)