LAKES REGION WATER COMPANY INC.

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January 31, 2023 (By email -ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov)

Clerks Office NH Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, N. H. 03301-2429

RE: DW 22-068 & DW 20-187 Actual Rate Expenses pursuant to PUC 1905.01

To whom it may concern,

Please note that LRWC is filing its rate case expenditures in both DW22-068 and DW 20-187 since costs incurred in pursuit of NHPUC approval the step adjustment in DW 22-068 is a continuation of costs incurred in the DW 20-187 rate case. As agreed to in the Settlement Agreement Permanent Rates, and as approved by NHPUC Order #26,633 "The Company agrees to submit its temporary to permanent rate calculation and proposed recoupment within 30 days of the Commission's order approving Step I and its resulting rates. LRWC agrees to file its file rate case expense and proposal for surcharge recovery, pursuant to Puc 1905.02, no later than 30 days from the date of the Commission's order approving the Step I adjustment in this proceeding."

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 Dec. 31, 2022, the Company has incurred a total of \$63,161.03 in Rate Case Expenses.

As previously filed on April 20, 2021, 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 \$145/hour and estimates that his total accounting costs will be \$58,000.00. Attorney Richardson's rate is \$175/hour and estimates that his total legal cost will \$40,000/229 hours

Miscellaneous services associated with the rate proceedings such as posting of notice, and court reporter fees for hearings are estimated to be \$2,000.00 and shall vary depending on the number notices and hearings. Other miscellaneous cost shall include the use of outside consultants by Staff in this proceeding and is unknown at this time. Currently there have been no expenses to report.

If you have any question or comments, please let me know at (603)707-0644 or at <u>leah@lakesregionwater.com</u>.

Sincerely, /s/ Leah Valladares Leah Valladares Utility Manager

CC: Service list (electronically)