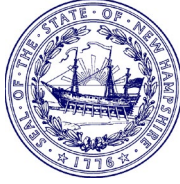


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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Re: DW 22-068 Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. (LRWC) Petition for Step Adjustment – DOE Legal Brief and Technical Statement

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) has requested the settling parties “file written legal briefs concerning the legal basis and any precedent for requesting recovery of expenses relating to the step adjustment proceeding.” *See Procedural Order Re: Approval of Settlement on the Issue of Rate Case Expenses* (November 21, 2023) at 2.

The New Hampshire Department of Energy hereby provides its brief and the attached technical statement of Jayson P. Laflamme, Director, Water Group, Regulatory Support Division.

These documents support LRWC’s recovery of appropriate step adjustment-related expenses and meet the Commission’s requirement.

Consistent with the Commission’s current practice, this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew C. Young".

Matthew C. Young
Hearings Examiner/Staff Attorney

Enclosure
cc: Docket Service List