## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DW 23-016

In Re: City of Laconia

## **MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS**

NOW COMES the City of Laconia, by and through its attorneys, Mitchell Municipal Group, P.A., and in requesting to stay the present proceedings, states as follows:

- 1. The City of Laconia submitted its <u>Petition Pursuant to RSA 362:4 and RSA 374:22 to Extend Water and Sewer Service Area</u> (hereinafter "<u>Petition</u>") on, or about, February 16, 2023.
- 2. A <u>Prehearing Order</u> in this matter issued on April 18, 2023, delineated the procedural schedule in this matter.
- 3. However, since that time, upon review of the applicable costs associated with delivery of services outside the City's borders, the City of Laconia, the Town of Belmont, and the Intervener Mountain Lake Village, LLC, have had and additional discussion regarding the applicable rate and payment terms to address said extension. Specifically, the municipal parties are discussing terms pursuant to RSA 362:4, III-a, 2.
- 4. Undersigned counsel expected that further discussions and a resultant agreement would have been completed as of the time of this filing, but they have not. The parties are scheduled to meet in-person the week of June 11, 2023 in an effort to come to a resolution.
- 5. Consequently, in light of the fact that today is June 8, 2023, the deadline for the Department of Energy to file its Report and Analysis, the City moves to stay these

proceedings in their entirety, and to extend the deadline for the Department's filing with this Commission to assure that the Department has all information it needs to complete its review.

- 6. To keep the Commission apprised of the agreement contemplated herein, and to move this matter forward, the City will submit a status update thirty days after the order on this request or an update upon the execution of the contemplated intermunicipal agreement, whichever occurs first.
- 7. The City further moves that the Commission extend the deadline for the Department to file its report to a date 30 days from the production to the Department of the executed intermunicipal agreement.
- 8. The City has consulted the Intervenor, and the Intervenor concurs with this motion.
- 9. The City has consulted the Department of Energy, and the Department concurs with this motion.
- 10. The City has contacted counsel for the Town of Belmont, but as of the time of this filing, has not received the Town's position.

WHEREFORE, the City of Laconia respectfully requests that this Commission:

- A. Stay the present proceedings consistent with the above; and
- B. Grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

**CITY OF LACONIA** 

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