

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DW 23-016

CITY OF LACONIA

Petition to Extend Water and Sewer Service Areas in Belmont

**Procedural Order Re: Laconia Status Update
and Deadline for Objections to DOE Motion to Extend**

On June 28, 2023, the Commission granted a stay of these proceedings pending ongoing negotiations between the City of Laconia (Laconia) and the Town of Belmont (Belmont), and ordered Laconia to file a status update by July 28, 2023. In that procedural order, the Commission requested that the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) file an analysis of the agreement between the two municipalities within 30 days of the date they provided a completed agreement to the DOE.

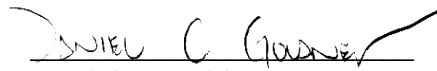
On July 27, 2023, Laconia filed a status update and represented that discussions with Belmont were ongoing. Laconia requested that the stay therefore remain in place and indicated that it would file a status update within 30 days of the date that the Commission issues an order responsive to its status update. Finally, Laconia requested that the Commission retain the 30-day deadline for the DOE to file an analysis after receiving the completed agreement.

In a separate motion, filed on July 28, 2023, the DOE requested an amendment to the June 28, 2023 procedural order to extend the deadline for the DOE to file its analysis to 90 days from the date it receives a completed agreement from the two municipalities. The DOE explained that such an extension is necessary because discussions with Laconia indicate that the agreement between the municipalities may be more complicated than

originally anticipated. The DOE's request conflicts with Laconia's earlier status update, which asked that the Commission retain the 30-day analysis timeframe.

The Commission rules as follows. First, consistent with the status update, the stay will remain in place and Laconia shall file a second status update by September 1, 2023. Second, the Commission will take the DOE's motion to extend its deadline under advisement pending input from Laconia and/or Belmont. If either Laconia or Belmont wishes to object to the DOE's motion for an extension, such objection must be filed by August 11, 2023.

So ordered, this third day of August, 2023.



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