

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DW 23-016

CITY OF LACONIA

Petition to Extend Water and Sewer Service Areas in Belmont

Prehearing Order

April 18, 2023

In this proceeding, the City of Laconia (Laconia) seeks approval to provide water and sewer service to 18 lots owned by Mountain Lake Village, LLC (Mountain Lake) within the Town of Belmont (Belmont). A prehearing conference was held on April 6, 2023 under RSA 541-A:31, V. (b) and N.H. Admin. R. Puc 203.15.

A. Petition to Intervene

Mountain Lake filed a petition to intervene (Petition) on March 27, 2023. No objections to the Petition were raised during the prehearing conference or otherwise filed with the Commission. According to its Petition, Mountain Lake owns a multi-jurisdictional housing subdivision located in and approved by both Laconia and Belmont, including all 18 lots in Belmont for which water and sewer service is proposed to be furnished by Laconia. Petition at ¶8. Mountain Lake argued that its participation in this docket would be in the interests of justice and would not impair the orderly conduct of the proceeding. Petition at ¶¶10-11.

Mountain Lake's Petition was filed in a timely manner and adequately supported pursuant to RSA 541-A:32, I(a) and (b), and its participation will not impair the interests of justice or the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding, as required by RSA 541-A:32, I(c). Accordingly, the intervention request was granted during the prehearing conference.


B. Procedural Schedule

The NH Department of Energy (DOE) noted that discovery is already underway among the parties. As part of discovery, the DOE stated it has requested a copy of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) letter supporting the proposed extension. The DOE stated that additional discovery will be issued as needed, and provided the following schedule for further procedural steps.

Set 1 Discovery Responses (including DES Letter)	April 20, 2023
Set 2 Discovery Requests	April 27, 2023
Set 2 Discovery Responses	May 11, 2023
DOE Report of its Analysis to be filed	June 8, 2023

No objections were raised regarding the schedule. Accordingly, the proposed procedural schedule is approved.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this eighteenth day of April 2023.



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