TO: Debra A. Howland Executive Director-NHPUC 21 South Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

3/29/2011

RE: Petition Opposing Lakeland Co. Rate Increase (DW-306)

Enclosed are four Petition pages containing more than 50 Briarcrest Estates, Belmont, NH resident signatures which strongly oppose Lakeland Company's proposed 84% increase in our current water and sewer bills.

We Belmont residents feel this unusual high rate increase will cause extreme hardships to affected users, many of whom are either elderly, disabled, on fixed incomes or are having difficulty paying bills because of our declining economy. In addition, our current Laconia water and sewer rates which also serve the Briarcrest area are at least 60% lower than current Lakeland Co's annual costs.

We well understand progressive businesses should make a profit in order to provide dependable service, however, we urge the PUC to conduct a thorough review of Lakeland's financial situation and justify a reasonable increase if needed. We expect several of our Belmont residents will attend your April 6 meeting in Concord. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely, MABaird

Hugh A. Baird, JP 501 Darby Dr., Briarcrest Estates Belmont, NH 03220 (Home) Laconia, NH 03246 (Mailing) Tel. 524-6119

Encl: 4 Petitions

We residents of Briarcrest Estates, Belmont, NH strongly oppose Lakeland Management Company's request to raise our water and sewer rates as proposed in Order #25198. We feel their requested customer increase of more than 84% will cause extreme hardships to affected users, most of whom are on fixed incomes. We strongly urge the PUC to conduct a thorough review of Lakeland's financial situation and justify a reasonable increase if needed.

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