

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Lakes Region Water Company, Inc.

Docket Nos. DW 10-141, DW 07-105, DW 10-043 and DW 11-021

STAFF REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FILING DEADLINE

The Staff of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Staff”) hereby files a request, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 201.05, for the Commission’s waiver of the filing deadline established by N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.07(f). Specifically, Puc 203.07(f) specifies that “[o]bjections to a motion for rehearing pursuant to RSA 541:3 shall be filed within 5 days of the date on which the motion for rehearing is filed.” In support of this request, Staff states as follows:

1. On August 9, 2012, Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. (Lakes Region) filed, through its counsel, a motion for rehearing in the above-captioned dockets.
2. Counsel for Advocate Staff has been vacationing on, and since, that date.
3. Commission Staff’s computer systems were in suspension for network realignment on August 10, 2012, with significant technical access problems recurring for Non-Advocate Staff counsel through today (August 14, 2012).
4. Non-Advocate Staff intends to file an objection to Lakes Region’s motion for rehearing. It is Non-Advocate Staff counsel’s understanding that Advocate Staff also intends to file an objection to Lakes Region’s motion for rehearing.
5. In light of these facts, Non-Advocate Staff deems extension, via Commission waiver, of the filing deadline established by Puc 203.07(f) to be in the public interest, to allow

for proper objections to Lakes Region's motion for rehearing to be filed by the parties. Staff would recommend that a filing deadline of August 20, 2012 be established.

6. Staff does not expect that the Commission's granting of its waiver request would disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission.

7. The Office of the Consumer Advocate, Advocate Staff, and Non-Advocate Staff concur with this waiver request. Counsel for Lakes Region is currently on vacation.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully states and requests:

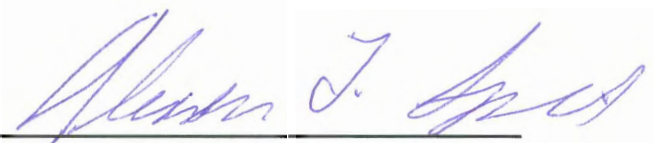
- A. the Commission grant Staff's request for a waiver of the filing deadline for objections to Lakes Region's motion for rehearing, and establish a filing deadline of August 20, 2012;
- B. that the Commission grant such other and further relief as justice may require.

Respectfully submitted,

Staff of the N.H. Public Utilities Commission

Date: August 14, 2012

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