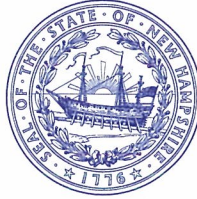


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Ms. Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
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Re: DW 13-305 Lorden Commons Sewer Company, LLC
Staff Recommendation regarding Recovery of Rate Case Expenses

Dear Ms. Howland:

On July 16, 2014, Lorden Common Sewer Company, LLC (Lorden Commons or Company) submitted to the Commission Staff (Staff) a proposal for recovering its rate case expenses. The Company's submission was made in accordance with the Stipulation Agreement which was approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,677 issued on June 13, 2014.

Lorden Commons submitted a schedule of rate case expenses of \$8,241.19 for proposed recovery. The Company recommended that the surcharge should be apportioned among the rate payers equally in eight quarterly installments at the same time as the water rates are due. Lorden Commons based its recover on Phase I build-out of 50 rate payers. Per the Company's suggestion, the recovery would be \$164.82 over 8 quarterly billing periods, or \$20.60 per customer per quarter. The Company's summary of rate case expenses is attached.

To assist Staff in its review of this proposal, Lorden Commons submitted copies of invoices in support of the rate case expense amounts indicated above. Staff thoroughly reviewed this documentation and copies are available upon request. Staff believes that the rate case expenses requested for recovery are reasonable and necessary and supports recovery.

Staff also agrees that Lorden Commons' rate case surcharge should be apportioned among the rate payers equally in eight quarterly installments at the same

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time as the water rates are due. Lorden Commons expects Phase I to be 50 rate payers. Rate case expense recovery would be \$164.82 per customer split over 8 quarterly billing periods, or \$20.60 per customer per quarter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robyn J. Descoteau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robyn J. Descoteau
Utility Analyst, Gas & Water Division

Attachment

cc: Service List

Lorden Commons Sewer Company, LLC

Rate Case Expenditures

| <u>Date of Invoice</u> | <u>Period</u> | <u>Vendor / Supplier</u> | <u>Hours</u> | <u>Rate/Hour</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Other Expenses</u> | <u>Total Expenses</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>St. Cyr & Associates</u> | | | | | | | |
| 6/7/2013 | 4-5/13 | St. Cyr & Associates | 4.500 | 115.00 | 517.50 | | 517.50 |
| 11/1/2013 | 6-10/13 | St. Cyr & Associates | 20.250 | 115.00 | 2,328.75 | 53.31 | 2,382.06 |
| 12/9/2013 | 11/13 | St. Cyr & Associates | 1.500 | 115.00 | 172.50 | | 172.50 |
| 1/3/2014 | 12/13 | St. Cyr & Associates | 1.250 | 115.00 | 143.75 | | 143.75 |
| 2/8/2014 | 1/14 | St. Cyr & Associates | 10.500 | 115.00 | 1,207.50 | | 1,207.50 |
| 3/8/2014 | 2/14 | St. Cyr & Associates | 9.000 | 115.00 | 1,035.00 | - | 1,035.00 |
| 4/13/2014 | 3/14 | St. Cyr & Associates | 3.500 | 115.00 | 402.50 | - | 402.50 |
| 5/22/2014 | 4/14 | St. Cyr & Associates | 10.500 | 115.00 | 1,207.50 | - | 1,207.50 |
| 7/3/2014 | 5-6/14 | St. Cyr & Associates | 5.000 | 115.00 | 575.00 | 2.28 | 577.28 |
| 6/30/2014 | 7-8/14 | St. Cyr & Associates | 2.000 | 115.00 | 230.00 | | 230.00 |
| Total | | | | | <u>\$ 7,820.00</u> | <u>\$ 55.59</u> | <u>\$ 7,875.59</u> |
| <u>Steven E. Patnaude, LCR</u> | | | | | | | <u>\$ 365.60</u> |
| Grand Total | | | | | | | <u>\$ 8,241.19</u> |

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Lorden Commons Sewer Company, LLC

Proposed Surcharge for Recovery of Rate Case Expenditures

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Total Rate Case Expenditures | <u>8,241.19</u> |
| Total subject to Proposed Surcharge | \$8,241.19 |
| Number of Customers | <u>50</u> |
| Total Proposed Surcharge per Customer | <u>\$164.82</u> |
| Total Proposed Surcharge per Customer per Quarter for 8 quarters | <u>\$20.60</u> |

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Hanson, Lynn

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Attachments: DW 13-305 2014-08-05 Staff Ltr Recommendation.pdf

Please find attached for filing a Staff Recommendation in the above mentioned docket. Electronic copies have been sent to the Service List.

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