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Debra A. Howland
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Re: DW 16-619 – Lakes Region Water Company, Inc.
Staff Recommendation to Approve Company's Request for Extension of Filing Deadline
for Step Increase

Dear Ms. Howland:

On September 28, 2018, Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. ("LRWC" or "Company") filed a request for an additional 60-day extension to file its petition for a Step Adjustment in the above named docket relative to improvements made at its Dockham Shores system located in the Town of Gilford. Staff recommends approval of LRWC's extension request.

Commission Order No. 25,694, issued on November 10, 2016, originally approved LRWC seeking a step adjustment in rates for its proposed Dockham Shores improvements but also stated that the Company's filing was to be submitted by no later than December 31, 2017. However, on September 28, 2017, the Company requested a nine-month extension for making its filing. In that request, LRWC cited amongst the reasons for the extension the fact that it did not anticipate receipt of necessary approvals from Gilford's Planning Board until early 2018. The Company also stated that construction would need to be further delayed until after the winter season. On October 23, 2017, the Commission issued a Secretarial Letter approving LRWC's initial request for extension until October 1, 2018.

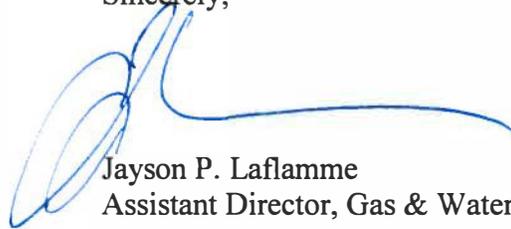
LRWC's most recent request for an additional extension indicates that while the Dockham Shores project is nearly finished, more time is required in order for it to accurately complete its filing for submission to the Commission. The Company anticipates making its filing by no later than December 1, 2018.

Staff believes that LRWC's latest request for extension is reasonable under the circumstances and will not unduly delay this proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party. Before filing its recommendation, Staff inquired of the Office of the Consumer Advocate

("OCA") regarding its positions relative to LRWC's request and Staff's recommendation. The OCA did not provide a response to Staff's inquiry.

Thank you for your assistance and attention to this matter. If you have any further questions regarding this case, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jayson P. Laflamme
Assistant Director, Gas & Water Division

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