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March 16, 2018

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Re: DW 17-106 Lakes Region Water Company, Inc.
Tariff Revision
Staff Recommendation for Approval

Dear Ms. Howland:

The purpose of this letter is to offer Staff's recommendation to the request of Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. (Lakes Region) to adopt a new Tariff. Lakes Region provides water service to approximately 1,760 customers in 18 separate systems located in the Lakes Region and Mt. Washington Valley of New Hampshire. Lakes Region filed NHPUC No. 7 – Water on June 22, 2017 seeking permission to supersede NHPUC No. 6 – Water.

Lakes Region is complying with NH Puc 1603.05(a)(2) which states that when a utility revises more than 50% of the pages of a tariff, a new tariff should be submitted. The proposed changes correct typographical errors in the current tariff, remove language that is either not applicable or no longer applicable to water utilities, and supplement information contained in the current tariff. The changes do not change any rates pursuant to RSA 378, Rates and Charges.

Staff of the Water and Consumer Services and External Affairs divisions have reviewed the proposed enhancements to Tariff No. 7 for accuracy. No changes to rates were found during review of the proposed tariff changes. Staff recommended minor revisions to the proposed enhancements and minor typographical corrections within proposed Tariff No. 7. These were reflected in the February 5, 2018 filing. Second and third revisions to correct typographical errors within proposed Tariff No. 7 were filed on March 7 and March 9, 2018, respectively.

Staff recommends approval of NHPUC No. 7 – Water as submitted by Lakes Region on March 9, 2018. The enhancements to the current tariff are worthwhile and beneficial to the customers of Lakes Region.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robyn J. Descoteau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Robyn J. Descoteau
Utility Analyst, Gas/Water Division

cc: Service list

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