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Debra A. Howland
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RE: DW 19-177 Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. – Dockham Shores
Request for Change in Rates
Request for Extension to Submit Rate Filing

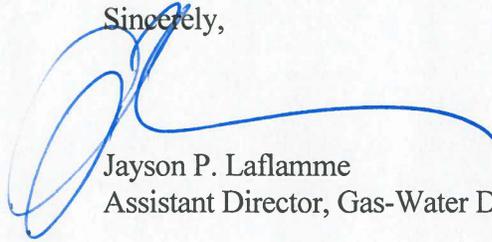
Dear Ms. Howland:

On October 17, 2019, pursuant to N.H. RSA 378 and N.H. Code Admin Rules (Puc) 1604.05(a), Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. (LRWC) filed a notice of intent to file rate schedules for its Dockham Shores division in Gilford, NH. In accordance with Puc 1604.05(c), the deadline for LRWC to submit its rate filing to the Commission is December 16, 2019. On December 13, 2019, LRWC filed a request for a one-week extension to submit its rate filing. LRWC explained that the rate filing is substantially complete but that it needs an additional week to make final adjustments and review the filing before submission.

Staff recommends the Commission grant LRWC's request for extension to file its rate case for Dockham Shores by no later than December 23, 2019. Puc 201.05 states that, upon request, the Commission shall waive the provisions of any of its rules if it finds that such waiver serves the public interest and will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before it. Staff believes that granting a one-week extension to LRWC for making its submission to the Commission is in the public interest as it will result in a more accurate rate filing which will aid in the cost and time efficiency of the rate case examination. Staff further believes that granting the one-week extension will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of the matters in this rate case as it is a slight delay of only five business days. Furthermore, no other parties will be affected as none are involved in the matter at this time.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'J' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that ends in a small hook.

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