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October 13, 2021

Dianne Martin, Chairwoman New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: Docket No. DW 20-187 (Lakes Region Water Company, Inc.)

Request for Change in Rates

Joint Request to Amend Procedural Schedule

## Dear Chairwoman Martin:

On May 14, 2021, the Commission approved a procedural schedule in the above-mentioned matter. Pursuant to that procedural schedule, Set 2 discovery responses, propounded on September 9, 2021, were due by September 23, 2021.

Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. (Lakes Region or the Company) provided some responses, but requested additional time for five of the Department of Energy's (Energy or the Department) requests. Finalized responses were submitted by the Company on October 7, 2021. That submission included several hundreds of pages of documentation and schedules.

Pursuant to the procedural schedule, Set 3 data requests from the parties to the Company are due by October 14. In light of the magnitude and timing of the Company's responses, the Department of Energy (Energy or the Department) and Lakes Region respectfully requests that the Commission amend the procedural schedule to allow for additional time to issue Set 3 discovery requests as follows:

DRs to Company – Set 3 October 28, 2021 Responses from Company – Set 3 November 12, 2021

The Company and Energy contend that adjustment to the procedural schedule is within the public interest as only this set of data requests are effected and the remainder of the procedural schedule will remain as approved at this time.

Recognized intervenor Lake Ossipee Village Homeowners did not respond to the proposal.

I certify that a copy of this letter will be served electronically on the parties on the service list at the same time it is filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher R. Tuomala

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