STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DW 20-187

LAKES REGION WATER COMPANY, INC.

Request for Change in Rates

Order Denying Lakes Region Water Company Inc.'s Motion for Rehearing of Order No. 26,905

ORDER NO. 26,930

January 8, 2024

In this order, the Commission denies Lakes Region Water Company Inc.'s (LRWC) motion for rehearing of Order No. 26, 905 as moot as the denied expenses related to Docket DW 22-068 have subsequently been approved by Order No. 26, 926 (January 5, 2024).

On December 21, 2023 LRWC filed a motion for rehearing of Order No. 26,905. The basis of the motion was the Commission's exclusion of \$19,245.01 in rate expenses associated with the Step I Adjustment in the November 21, 2023 order. The Department of Energy (DOE) did not assent to the motion for rehearing. The DOE followed the instructions contained in the November 21, 2023 procedural order in Docket DW 22-068 and submitted a legal brief in support of approving the remaining expenses. Pursuant to RSA 365:21 the Commission has 30 days to respond to the motion for rehearing.¹

Subsequently, the Commission has issued Order No. 26,929 on January 05, 2024 approving the remaining expenses via Order *Nisi* in Docket DW 22-068. As a

¹ In the January 2, 2024 letter to the Commission, LRWC cites the 10-day timeframe to respond to the motion for reconsideration that is articulated in RSA 541:5. However, the controlling statute governing proceedings before the Commission is RSA 365. RSA 365:21 prescribes a 30-day period for the Commission to either grant or deny the motion or suspend the order or decision complained of pending further consideration.

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result of the issuance of Order No. 26,929, LRWC's arguments on rehearing or reconsideration are moot. We therefore deny the motion.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that LRWC's Motion for Rehearing of Order No. 26,905 is DENIED as moot as the remaining expenses contained in the parties' October 26, 2023 settlement have now been approved pursuant to Order No. 26,929.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this eighth day of January 2024.

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