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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: DW 22-087 – Lakes Region Water Company, Inc.; Petition for Approval of Long-Term Financing – Letter from Department of Energy Requesting Extension to Recommendation Deadline

Dear Chairman Goldner:

In a January 10th, 2023 Procedural Order, the Commission requested the Department of Energy (DOE) to file its appearance in the above docket as well as an analysis and recommendation for the Commission's review on or before Monday, February 27, 2023. DOE filed its appearance on January 18, 2023. DOE now requests an extension of the February 27, 2023 recommendation deadline to Tuesday, March 28, 2023, to allow time to gather additional information needed in order to make a recommendation.

DOE issued a set of Data Requests to Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. (Lakes Region) on, January 20, 2023. Lakes Region sent their responses on, January 30, 2023. Based on these responses, DOE intends to issue a second set of Data Requests to Lakes Region and also believes that a Technical Session is warranted.

DOE proposes to issue a second set of Data Requests to Lakes Region by, February 9, 2023, with responses due by, February 23, 2023. DOE further proposes that a Technical Session be scheduled for, March 2, 2023. Follow-up data requests from the Technical Session will be issued on March 3, 2023, with responses due by March 10, 2023.

Given the current recommendation deadline of, February 27, 2023, DOE will be unable to complete this additional round of Data Requests and a Technical Session in time to issue a recommendation. DOE therefore requests that the Commission extend the DOE recommendation deadline to Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

The full proposed procedural schedule is summarized as follow:

February 9, 2023	Set 2 Data Requests
February 23, 2023	Set 2 Responses
March 2, 2023	Technical Session @ 10:00 AM (Virtual)
March 3, 2023	Set 3 Data Requests (from Technical Session)
March 10, 2023	Set 3 Responses (from Technical Session)
March 28, 2023	DOE Recommendation

Lakes Region assents to this request.

Consistent with the Commission's current practices, this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Sincerely,

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