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Debra A. Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commision 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

> Re: DW 08-160, Forest Edge Water Company Agreement on Permanent Rates

Dear Ms. Howland:

Following communications between the Staff and the Company, a settlement agreement on permanent rates has been reached. The settlement agreement accompanies this letter. In brief, the settlement provides, among other things, for an increase in the Company's permanent rates, commits the Company to conduct a study of the needs of its system, and approves financing previously obtained by the Company. Additionally, a representative of the intervening homeowners has indicated that while he is unavailable to sign the agreement, the homeowners do not oppose it.

A hearing on the Company's permanent rates is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2009. As such, pursuant to 203.20(f), we request that the Commission accept this late-filed agreement as it promotes the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding and will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

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