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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Docket No. DW 13-041

Lakes Region Water Company, Inc.

Date Request Received: March 8, 2012

Date of Response: 3/29/2013

Record Request No. 15

Witness: Thomas Mason

REQUEST 15: Written explanation of the Company's discussions with the Internal Revenue Service, including the persons involved, dates and subjects discussed.

RESPONSE 15: I asked Mr. Roberge to prepare an explanation of his discussions with the Internal Revenue Service. His explanation is attached.

Please note that on Day 1 of the hearings, both Mr. St. Cyr and I were unaware that Mr. Roberge had discussed amendments of the Company's returns with the IRS. I was aware that the Company had not discussed a payment schedule as indicated in response to Staff 1-6 (Exhibit 4). Had I been aware of this issue, I would have so indicated at the time of Mr. St. Cyr testimony. See Transcript, Day 1, Page 45.

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Response to records request # 15

Request:

Norman Roberge Written account of dated and person he spoke to at the IRS

Response:

I, Norman Roberge sometime in between February 15 – 28 I called the Internal Revenue Service to inquire about the handling to the Pension reversals and the elimination of the interest expense accrual for years 2007 – 2009. The call lasted about 45 minutes with 40 plus minutes either on hold or being transferred to another department. The final individual was in the business section of the IRS he answered the call with his name and ID number neither of which I wrote down or remember.

The basic question asked was " what regulation would require me "Lakes Region Water Company" to file amended returns for expenses that were originally recorded in prior years 2007 – 2009 and later found not to be expenses in those years."

The representative's response was he did not know of a regulation but then took about a minute to respond further that he believed that publication #538 would be appropriate as to the accounting method that the Company used. If using the accrual method then the changes should be matched with the original action.