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Re: DW 12-254, Forest Edge Water Company
Notice of Intention to File a Change in Rate Schedules
Approval of Extension to File Step Adjustment

To the Parties:

On October 14, 2014, Forest Edge Water Company ("Company") requested an extension of the deadline to file for a step adjustment to its rates as provided for in Commission Order No. 25,575 (September 20, 2013) entered in the above-referenced proceeding. The step adjustment is intended to enable the Company to recover the costs of system mapping required by the N.H. Department of Environmental Services. The filing deadline passed on June 30, 2014. According to the Company, it has been unable "to move forward on the mapping project due to the lack of cash." Specifically, the Company requested additional time, until June 30, 2015, to complete the project and file the associated step adjustment proposal.

On October 10, 2014, the Commission received a recommendation from its Staff supporting the extension of the deadline, "provided that all other provisions related to the step adjustment contained in the approved settlement agreement remain in force." Staff explicitly noted the requirement that the calculations for the step adjustment include an adjustment to revenues to account for any new customers connected since Order No. 25,575. Staff also recommended that the Commission require the Company to formally notify the intervenors of its extension request and allow the intervenors until November 14, 2014 to provide their positions (on the Company's request) to the Commission.

On November 14, 2014, the Commission received notice from the Company that, on October 31, 2014, it had provided copies of its extension request and the Staff recommendation to the intervenors. The Company stated that it had asked the intervenors "to provide the Commission with a position on the request for extension of time ... by November 15, 2014." To date, the Commission has received no such statements of position from the intervenors.

Based upon the Company's filing, the Staff's recommendation and the lack of any response to the extension request by the intervenors, the Commission has determined that enforcing the original deadline would cause the Company undue hardship or inconvenience and granting the Company's extension request will not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party. With regard to the requirement that the Company request the extension before the deadline expires, Puc 201.05 authorizes the Commission to waive that requirement on its own motion. The

Commission has determined that granting a waiver of the filing requirement serves the public interest and will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the commission.

Accordingly, the Commission has granted the requested extension to the step-adjustment deadline. The Company's step adjustment filing related to system mapping may be submitted no later than June 30, 2015.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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