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April 6, 2017

Leah Valladares, Utility Manager Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. 420 Governor Wentworth Highway P.O. Box 389 Moultonborough, NH 03254

Re: DW 15-209 – Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. Petition for Change in Rates – Rate Case Expenses Request for Hearing

Dear Ms. Valladares:

On December 28, 2016, Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. (Lakes) submitted to Commission Staff (Staff) its proposal for recovery of rate case expenses and the reconciliation of temporary and permanent revenue in the above referenced docket. Lakes requested recovery of \$174,035 over 8 billing quarters. On February 24, 2017, Staff filed its recommendation disagreeing with the amount requested and stated that a reduction of \$45,460 in rate case expenses was warranted. Lakes disagreed with Staff's position and filed a letter on March 13, 2017 requesting a non-evidentiary hearing under RSA 541-A:31, III.

The Commission has granted your request for oral argument and scheduled a hearing on April 26, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Lakes and Staff will each be afforded 15 minutes to present argument.

To the extent that any of the above is inconsistent with the Commission's procedural rules, the Commission has determined that a waiver of the applicable rule or rules serves the public interest and will be conducive to, rather than disruptive of, the orderly proceedings of the Commission.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Del A. Doulard

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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