

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Docket No. DW 15-209
Lakes Region Water Company, Inc.
Permanent and Temporary Rate Increase Proceeding

PETITION TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS
ASSOCIATION AT SUISSEVALE, INC.

The Property Owners Association at Suissevale, Inc. ("POASI") respectfully petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") for leave to intervene as a full party in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to Admin.Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32. In support of this petition, POASI represents that:

1. On September 4, 2015 the Commission issued Order No. 25,809 ("the Order") in the above-captioned docket, suspending proposed tariffs submitted by Lakes Region Water Company, Inc. ("Lakes Region") and scheduling a prehearing conference, in order to review a proposed permanent rate increase and request for temporary rates filed on August 5, 2015. As the Commission noted in the Order, Lakes Region is seeking a permanent increase in its annual gross operating revenues of 38.18%. The Order also noted that some of the issues raised by this filing include: RSA 378:7 and the justness and reasonableness of Lakes Region's proposals including proposed temporary and permanent rate charges; proposed operating expenses, pro forma adjustments, and rate of return; the proposed rate base and its prudence and used and usefulness; and whether any proposed financing is consistent with the public good. The Order specifically refers to an anticipated increase in revenues from the special contract with

POASI. In the Order the Commission set a prehearing conference for September 30, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. and established a deadline of September 25, 2015 for the submission of petitions to intervene.

2. POASI is an association of homeowners located in Moultonborough, New Hampshire, which owns, maintains and operates its own water distribution system for the sole purpose of providing water to its members. POASI has never been regulated as a public utility and the Commission has granted POASI an exemption from regulation as a public utility pursuant to RSA 362:4. Order No. 24,698 issued on November 8, 2006 in DW 06-106, 91 NH PUC 552.

3. POASI is a long-standing, wholesale, metered customer of Lakes Region that depends on Lakes Region for the water needed to serve its members. Lakes Region has supplied water to POASI as a wholesale customer since 1994 through one meter point located on the edge of its franchise area in its Paradise Shores System adjacent to POASI. In Order No. 24,693, issued on October 31, 2006 in docket DW 06-133, 91 NH PUC 523, the Commission approved a 30 year special contract between Lakes Region and POASI pursuant to which Lakes Region supplies water to POASI. That contract contains a rate per 100 cubic feet of water and a fixed charge, both of which may be adjusted depending on the annual report which Lakes Region files with the Commission and a worksheet in which Lakes Region calculates actual expenses incurred during the prior year.

4. Because this docket will address issues related to the revenues and expenses of Lakes Region and the allocation of revenue between metered and unmetered customers, the outcome of this docket could have an impact on what POASI pays to Lakes Region under the terms of the water supply agreement between Lakes Region and

POASI. The interests of POASI's members and POASI's interest as a wholesale customer of Lakes Region, and thus POASI's rights, duties, privileges or substantial interests, may be affected by this proceeding. POASI believes it must intervene in this proceeding to protect these rights. Granting POASI's petition for intervention would be in the interest of justice and would not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.

5. The Commission granted POASI's request to intervene in Lakes Region's last rate case, DW 10-141.

WHEREFORE, POASI respectfully requests that the Commission grant it full intervenor status in the proceeding or grant such other relief as the Commission deems just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

Property Owners Association at Suissevale, Inc.

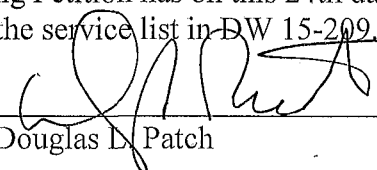
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Petition has on this 24th day of September, 2015 been sent by electronic mail to the service list in DW 15-209.

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