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Via Electronic Mail Only
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Re: Docket No. DW 19-135: Petition for Approval of Long-Term Debt
Lakes Region Water Company, Inc.
Motion regarding the Company's late-filed responses

Dear Executive Director Howland:

I write to clarify the record with regard to Lakes Region Water Company (the Company)'s recent "Motion for Waiver of Puc 203.09(f)." As of the date the Company filed its motion, Staff had not assented to the relief requested.

Staff now assents to the relief requested, with a caveat. For planning purposes, and consistent with Puc R 202.04 (Extensions of Time) and Puc 203.09 (f), (h), (i)(2) (Discovery), Staff would prefer advanced notice of altered filing deadlines, in order to make efficient use of Staff time and calendar dates, and preserve avenues of procedural relief.

Staff notes that informal data requests, identical to the formally served Set 4, were provided to the Company on March 13, 2020, and that Set 4 Data Responses due on April 9, 2020, were answered on April 20, 2020. Staff agrees the Covid-19 emergency was, and remains, unexpected.

Pursuant to the Commission's March 17, 2020, secretarial letter, Staff is making an electronic filing without a hard copy equivalent.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mary Schwarzer

Mary Schwarzer
Staff Attorney/Hearings Examiner

cc: Service List (docket)