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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
NH Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10,
Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

Re: DW 20 – 187 Lakes Region Water Co., Inc; Assented-to Request for 1 Week
Extension to Respond to Set 1 Temporary Data Requests

Dear Executive Director Howland:

Lakes Region requests a one week extension to respond to temporary rate data requests that are currently due on June 17, 2021 pursuant to Rule Puc 202.04 which allows the Executive Director to grant extensions in cases where: “(1) The party making the request has demonstrated that circumstances would cause undue hardship or inconvenience unless the request were granted; and (2) The extension would not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party.” Staff and the Lake Ossipee Village (“LOV”) Homeowners assent to this request.

The circumstances warrant an extension. Staff’s Set 1 includes 22 requests with multiple parts seeking records during prior years, including 2015 to 2020 in some cases or 2017 to 2020 in others. During these periods, the Company changed accounting systems in consultation with Staff in DW 15 – 209. The transition has provided benefits to the Company but many of the underlying records sought by Staff are paper copies. Similarly, the data requests submitted by the LOV Homeowners requests records including work orders covering an extensive time period from 2005 to the present.

Both requests seek relevant information but go beyond that normally considered for temporary rates which, by statute, are based on the “the reports of the utility filed with the commission, unless there appears to be reasonable ground for questioning the figures in such reports.” RSA 378:27. Lakes Region does not object to these requests and expects to provide complete responses. However, additional time is required. In addition, both Lakes Region’s utility finance manager was unavailable for a significant period of time.

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As a result of the foregoing, an extension is required to avoid undue hardship and inconvenience and a one-week extension to June 24, 2021 will not result in any undue delay or adversely impact the rights of any party because a technical session is scheduled for nearly a month later on July 21, 2021. Lakes Region sought the assent of Staff and the LOV Homeowners Association on June 15, 2021. Staff and the LOV Homeowners indicated that they assent to this request.

Based on the foregoing, Lakes Region requests that the Executive Director grant this request and allow Lakes Region to submit responses to Staff and LOV Set 1 requests on or before June 24, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Richardson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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