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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: DW 24-105, City of Laconia Petition Pursuant to RSA 362:4 and RSA 374:22 to
Extend Water Service Area; Parties' Assented-To Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On October 24, 2024, the Commission issued a Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding and Notice of Prehearing Conference Order in the above-captioned docket. The Order set a prehearing conference date of December 3, 2024, with the opportunity to cancel the prehearing conference if the parties submit a stipulation containing a discovery schedule, statement of any additional issues not identified in this order of notice, and at least three dates on which they would be available for a final hearing in this matter, including how much time will be required. The Commission also requested that the New Hampshire Department of Energy ("DOE" or "Department") file its position regarding City of Laconia ("Laconia")'s petition, including the reasons for this position, on or before November 20, 2024.

The Department has consulted with Laconia (together, "the Parties") to develop the proposed procedural schedule set forth below. The proposed schedule includes three dates on which the Parties would be available for a final hearing in this matter, pursuant to the Commission's Order. The Parties would recommend three hours for a potential hearing. However, the Department anticipates that the Commission may be able to issue an Order Nisi without need of a formal hearing.

The Parties' assented-to proposed procedural schedule is as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Set 1 Data Requests to Laconia Due	Wednesday, November 6, 2024
Set 1 Data Responses Due	Wednesday, November 20, 2024
DOE Position Statement Due	Wednesday, November 20, 2024
Technical Session (Remote)	Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
Set 2 Data Requests to Laconia Due	Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Set 2 Data Responses Due

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Parties File Report or Settlement

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Potential Hearing Dates (3 Hours)

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Consistent with the Commission's current practices, this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Sincerely,

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