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Deborah A. Howland, Executive Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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Re: DW 15-209 - Lakes Region Water Company, Inc.

Dear Ms. Howland,

The purpose of this correspondence is to bring to the attention of the Commissioners an error which is contained in my recommendation letter filed on November 7, 2016. In that letter, I informed the Commission of the results of a Staff Audit pertaining to the proposed initial step adjustment which was contained in the Settlement Agreement presented for approval in this case. My letter incorrectly indicated that, based on the audit, the resulting revised initial quarterly rate for Lakes Region's unmetered customers would be \$188.55 based on an annual rate of \$722.20. However, the initial quarterly rate for Lakes Region's unmetered customers should, instead, be \$180.55 (\$722.20 annual rate ÷ 4 quarters). Unfortunately, the erroneous quarterly rate of \$188.55 is also contained on Page 9 of Commission Order No. 25,969 which was issued on November 28, 2016. In addition, the Company has also included this erroneous rate in the 7<sup>th</sup> Revised Page 12 of its Tariff which it submitted to the Commission for approval on December 7, 2016.

It is Staff's recommendation that Commission Order No. 25,969 should be revised in order to reflect the correct initial quarterly rate for Lakes Region's unmetered customers of \$180.55. Staff further recommends that Lakes Region should submit a revised Page 12 of its Tariff that also reflects the correct initial quarterly rate for its unmetered customers.

Please accept my apology for this error and the inconvenience which it has caused. If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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