

Executive Director
NH Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301-2429



Dear Sirs:

As discussed last week at the Lakes Region Water Company meeting there was a question about who holds intervenor status for the Hidden Valley Home Owners Association as one of 17 water systems served by the Lakes Region Water Company's services.

I apologize for this confusion but it was our understanding that David Smith, the President of the Hidden Valley Home Owners Association, held this status and that the status was being transferred to me by my presence at the meeting. Unfortunately, our understanding was not correct, as we discussed at the meeting.

In light of the fact that David will be out of the area until next spring, as Vice President of our association I would like to now carry the status into the current set of hearings related to the company's proposed rate hike request which includes the reappearance of the Mt. Roberts capital expenditure item which we vigorously dispute. In fact, David was first given Intervener status when he protested before the Commission when this transaction was brought up nearly a decade ago. It was taken off the table then but despite promises to the contrary it keeps coming back.

The Hidden Valley Property Association and its members are extremely concerned about the proposed astronomical rates which will be a severe financial drain on many of its members.

In closing, please then accept this late refiling for intervention status as the Commission knows David Smith has indeed held this status over the past decade and it is my understudying that the Commission may waive the filing deadline when to do so does not affect the orderly proceeding on the docket item. I have been informed that PUC Rule 201.05 provides for the waiver of the Commission rules in cases wherein first: The waiver serves the public interest –which is certainly the case here and secondly: The waiver will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission. I apologize for the slight disruption already caused by our misunderstanding of the rules.

Finally, please add David Smith's email address (dmintonsmith@gmail.com) to the service list in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Evitts', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Evitts

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