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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429 November 19, 2018

RE: Waiver Request for NH Code Administration Rule PUC #303.02 by Laconia Housing Authority

Please find enclosed 6 copies of the original filed Waiver Request dated November 1, 2018. The previous package of 6 copies were missing the full attachment of the City of Laconia Building Permit. Please replace the previous 6 copies with these correct copies.

Thank you and we apologize for the error.

Sincerely.

CC: R. Weaver, Laconia Housing Authority

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RE: Waiver Request for NH Code Administration Rule PUC #303.02 by Laconia Housing Authority

Dear Ms. Howland,

Please accept this petition on behalf of Laconia Housing Authority (LHA) to request a waiver of PUC Rule 303.02(a) in order to maintain an existing single master meter in a multifamily residential building to be renovated to serve low income clients who are in need of special services at 423 S. Main St., Laconia, NH.

LHA is a non-profit, Public Housing Agency, developer and manager of affordable housing in the Lakes Region area. LHA has a portfolio of 311 rental units in the Lakes Region area.

LHA has experienced an increased need for housing for persons eligible for the Choices for Independence (CFI) Medicaid program and has applied for and received funding from New Hampshire Housing's Special Needs Program. The project, Sunrise House, will consist of renovating an existing office structure into 16 fully accessible housing units (14 one bedroom and 2 two bedroom), community space, dining room, and laundry facilities.

This project will allow seniors the opportunity to live independently with supportive services while providing family members with peace of mind.

The following are some of the points that support our request for a waiver of PUC Rule 303.02(a).

- > Existing structure is currently master metered.
- > Rent structure of clients includes heat, air conditioning, and electric.
- > Denial of waiver will increase costs of electrical scope with no added benefit.
- > Financial agreement with New Hampshire Housing requires minimum of 40 year compliance with benefit to income eligible tenants.
- > This project has been approved and permitted by City of Laconia with plans showing a master meter layout (see attached permit).
- > Waivers of the rule have been granted previously to developments of similar income based housing.



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Please accept this request to waive PUC Rule 303.02 for Sunrise House located at 423 S. Main St., Laconia, in order to support affordable housing as a benefit to the public. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall.

Sincerely,

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Richard Weaver Executive Director

Attachments: City of Laconia Building Permit CC: D Nute, Resilient Buildings Group