

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DW 26-031

LAKES REGION WATER COMPANY, INC.

Petition to Expand Paradise Shores Franchise

ORDER OF NOTICE

On May 19, 2026, Lakes Region Water Co., Inc. (LRWC) filed a petition to expand its franchise in the Town of Moultonborough. In support of its petition, LRWC filed service agreements and relevant maps. All docket filings, other than any information subject to confidential treatment, are available on the Commission's website at www.puc.nh.gov.

I. BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

LRWC is a regulated public water utility providing water service to customers in the Lakes and White Mountain regions of New Hampshire. LRWC currently services two developments known collectively as Paradise Shores in Moultonborough, New Hampshire. The portion of Paradise Shores known as the Property Owners Association at Suissevale, Inc. (POASI) is currently served by LRWC as a single wholesale customer pursuant to a Wholesale Water Supply Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,693.

LRWC's petition requests permission to expand their franchise to provide water utility service to customers in POASI beginning on January 1, 2027.

II. ISSUES PRESENTED

The filing presents *inter alia*, the following issues: whether LRWC's proposal to expand its franchise area and provide water service to POASI under the terms and conditions of its existing tariff, is in the public good and thus permissible under RSA 374:22 and 26; and whether a public hearing is necessary in this docket. Accordingly, an adjudicative proceeding will be convened to address these issues.

The Commission will be conducting the prehearing conference and any hearings scheduled in this matter in person. The Commission will consider requests to conduct hearings using a hybrid format to permit remote participation by a specific individual only if the Commission has determined that a sufficient reason has been provided for why that individual would be unable to attend in person. Any party requesting that a specific individual be permitted to participate remotely should file a written request with the Commission's Clerk's Office no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the prehearing conference or hearing date. If the Commission determines that one or more individuals will be permitted to appear remotely, then individuals in the Commission's hearing room, including the Commissioners, will be broadcast on a web-enabled platform.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that an adjudicative proceeding be commenced for the purpose of reviewing and resolving the foregoing issues pursuant to RSA chapter 541-A, RSA 374:22, and RSA 374:26, and the Commission's procedural rules; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission GRANTS the petition for intervention filed by the Property Owners Association at Suissevale, Inc., filed on May 27, 2026; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the New Hampshire Department of Energy is requested to file its position regarding LRWC's petition, and whether a hearing is necessary, including the reasons for this position, on or before July 29, 2026; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission will hold a prehearing conference, pursuant to Puc 204.07, at its offices located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on August 5, 2026 at 10:00a.m., at which each party should be prepared to address any of the issues set forth in Puc 204.07; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that during the prehearing conference, the Commission will consider the matters listed in Puc 204.07(f), including the establishment of a procedural schedule governing the remainder of the proceeding. Parties and potential parties are encouraged to facilitate the development of a procedural schedule by conferring prior to the prehearing conference, so that the presiding officer can address any matters on which there is disagreement during the prehearing conference. Any procedural schedule, however, will not be approved until after the prehearing conference and after consulting the Commission's calendar; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the parties shall file a motion to cancel the prehearing conference no later than July 29, 2026 if the prehearing conference is not required; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any entity or individual may petition to intervene and seek to be admitted as a party in this proceeding. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, consistent with RSA 541-A:32, Puc 204.08, and Puc 203.06, any entity or individual seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to LRWC and any other parties on the

service list, on or before June 19, 2026. The petition shall state the facts demonstrating how the petitioner's rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with Puc 204.08; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before June 29, 2026; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that parties shall file any proposed exhibits, written testimony, motions, or other documents intended to become part of the record in this proceeding with the Commission in accordance with the Commission's administrative rules. Parties may elect to submit any filing in electronic form unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Filings will be considered filed as of the time the electronic copy is received by the Commission; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that routine procedural inquiries may be made by contacting the Commission's Clerk's Office at (603) 271-2431 or www.puc.nh.gov/about-us/contact-us. All requests to the Commission should be made in a written pleading filed with the Commission. Unless otherwise authorized by law, *ex parte* communications are prohibited; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to Puc 204.04, LRWC shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than two business days after the date of issue, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before **June 19, 2026**. In addition, the Clerk's Office shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than two business days after the date of issue; and it is

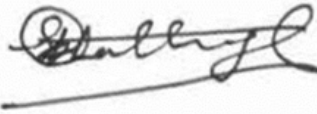
FURTHER ORDERED, that any hearings in this matter shall be conducted in accordance with the attached hearing guidelines.

So ordered, this ninth day of June 2026.



Christopher J. Ellms, Jr.

Chairman



Pradip K. Chattopadhyay

Commissioner



Mark W. Dell'Orfano

Commissioner

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