

Service Date: December 28, 2007

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application of )  
Utility Solutions, LLC to Implement ) UTILITY DIVISION  
Initial Rates and Charges for Water Service )  
in its Elk Grove Subdivision, Gallatin ) DOCKET NO. D2005.11.163  
County, Montana Service Area )

Consolidated with

IN THE MATTER of the Application of )  
Utility Solutions, LLC to Implement ) UTILITY DIVISION  
Initial Rates and Charges for Wastewater )  
Service in its Elk Grove Subdivision, ) DOCKET NO. D2005.11.164  
Gallatin County, Montana Service Area )

**NOTICE OF STAFF ACTION**

On August 14, 2007, Utility Solutions, LLC (USLLC) filed requests to make permanent interim rates approved by the Public Service Commission (Commission) in Order Nos. 6707 and 6708 in the respective dockets. On October 25, 2007, the Commission issued Procedural Orders 6707a and 6708a. The Procedural Orders required that all data requests be answered within 14 calendar days. On November 8, 2007, the Commission consolidated the dockets. On December 7, 2007, the Commission submitted data requests to USLLC. On December 14, 2007, USLLC filed a Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Data Requests and Motion for Protective Order. USLLC requested that the Commission grant it until January 21, 2008, to respond to the data requests served on December 7, 2007.

The Commission modifies the procedural schedule established in paragraph 2 of each of the Procedural Orders as follows:

- (d) December 7, 2007: Final day for written discovery (includes data requests) to Utility on Utility's application and pre-filed testimony.

- (e) January 22, 2008: Final day for Utility to respond to data requests served on December 7, 2007.
- (new) February 8, 2008: Final day for follow-up written discovery to Utility.
- (new) February 29, 2008: Final day for Utility to respond to follow-up data requests.
- (f) March 14, 2008: Final day for initial pre-filed testimony from intervenors.
- (g) \*March 21, 2008: Additional issues identified by PSC staff.
- (h) March 28, 2008: Final day for written discovery on intervenor pre-filed testimony.
- (i) \*April 4, 2008: Final day for Utility's initial testimony on additional issues.
- (j) \*April 11, 2008: Final day for written discovery on Utility additional issues testimony.
- (k) April 11, 2008: Final day for intervenors to respond to written discovery on pre-filed testimony.
- (l) \*April 18, 2008: Final day for Utility response to written discovery on additional issues.
- (m) April 25, 2008: Final day for Utility rebuttal testimony and intervenor response testimony, if any, to intervenor pre-filed testimony.
- (n) \*April 25, 2008: Final day for intervenor testimony on additional issues.
- (o) May 2, 2008: Final day for discovery on Utility rebuttal testimony and intervenor response testimony, if any.
- (p) \*May 2, 2008: Final day for discovery on intervenor additional issue testimony.
- (q) May 9: Final day for Utility to respond to discovery on Utility rebuttal testimony and intervenors to respond to discovery on intervenor response testimony, if any.

- (r) \*May 9, 2008: Final day for intervenors to respond to discovery on additional issue testimony.
- (s) \*May 16, 2008: Final day for Utility rebuttal testimony and intervenor response testimony, if any, to intervenor pre-filed testimony on additional issues.
- (t) \*May 23, 2008: Final day for discovery on Utility rebuttal testimony on additional issues.
- (u) \*May 30, 2008: Final day for Utility to respond to discovery on Utility rebuttal testimony on additional issues.
- (v) #June 6, 2008: Final day for Pre-hearing Memorandum.
- (w) #June 12, 2008: (Tentative) Hearing commences and continues from day to day until concluded.

As stated in the Procedural Orders, dates marked “\*” are for additional issue procedures, as needed, if needed. If an additional issues procedure is determined to be unnecessary, dates marked “#” may change to an earlier date. Additionally, all other provisions of the Procedural Orders remain in effect.

Done and dated the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 2007 pursuant to the Commission’s delegation of authority to staff.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GREG JERGESON, Chairman  
DOUG MOOD, Vice-Chairman  
BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner  
ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner  
KEN TOOLE, Commissioner