

Service Date: April 14, 2015

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

IN THE MATTER OF the Joint Application of) REGULATORY DIVISION
Liberty Utilities Co., Liberty WWH, Inc.,)
Western Water Holdings, LLC, and Mountain) DOCKET NO. D2014.12.99
Water Company for Approval of a Sale and)
Transfer of Stock)

NOTICE OF STAFF ACTION

1. On December 15, 2014, Liberty Utilities Company filed a *Joint Application for Approval of a Sale and Transfer of Stock* with the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission"). Joint Applicants included Liberty Utilities Co., Liberty WWH, Inc., Western Water Holdings, LLC, and Mountain Water Company.

2. On December 23, 2014, the Commission issued a *Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline* and granted intervention to the City of Missoula, the Clark Fork Coalition, and the Montana Consumer Counsel ("MCC"). On February 9, 2015, the Commission issued a *Procedural Order ("Order 7392")* outlining deadlines for this docket.

3. On April 8, 2015, the MCC indicated it would be unable to adhere to the deadline for data requests on Joint Applicant's prefiled testimony. The MCC proposed extending the deadlines for data requests and data responses on Joint Applicant's prefiled testimony by one week. The parties did not object to this change, however, the Commission is concerned that excessive deadline extensions may jeopardize the existing hearing date established under *Order 7392*. Therefore, the Commission is willing to extend these deadlines by four days.

4. Since the hearing is still scheduled to commence on July 28, 2015, the other deadlines listed in *Order 7392* will remain the same. Paragraph 6 of *Order 7392* is amended to the following:

- (f) April 20, 2015: Final day for data requests to Joint Applicants related to their Application and testimony.
- (g) May 4, 2015: Final day for Joint Applicants to respond to data requests issued on April 16, 2015.

See Or. 7392 ¶ 6 (Feb. 9, 2015) (internal citations omitted). All other deadlines, including the hearing date, remain “effective unless [again] modified by the Commission or staff.” *Id.*

DONE AND DATED this 13th day of April, 2015, by delegation to Commission staff as an Order of the Commission.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman
TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman
KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner
ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner
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