

Service Date: September 1, 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 include 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 City"), Mountain Water Employees, 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 13, 2015, the Commission amended *Order 7392* to allow more time for intervenors to issue data requests to the Joint Applicants and more time for Joint Applicants to respond to data requests. *See* Notice of Staff Action p. 1 (Apr. 13, 2015).

4. On June 29, 2015, the Commission amended *Order 7392* to allow more time for intervenors to submit prefiled testimony and extended the other deadlines remaining. The hearing date was set for October 19-20, 2015. *See* Notice of Staff Action p. 2 (Jun. 29, 2015).

5. On August 26, 2015, the Commission again modified *Order 7392*, but the parties were again unable meet the September 4, 2015 deadline for intervenor testimony. *See* Notice of Staff Action p. 2 (Aug. 26, 2015). Due to these difficulties, the Commission suspends the entire schedule, including the hearing date, provided in the August 26, 2015 *Notice of Staff Action* modifying *Order 7392*. The Commission will issue a replacement schedule in the upcoming

weeks.

DONE AND DATED this 1st day of September, 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
BOB LAKE, Commissioner