

Service Date: February 17, 2016

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

IN THE MATTER OF the Investigation of ) REGULATORY DIVISION  
the Montana Public Service Commission )  
into whether Mountain Water Company's ) DOCKET NO. D2016.2.15  
rates are Just and Reasonable )

**NOTICE OF STAFF ACTION**

On January 29, 2016, the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) voted to initiate a proceeding to inquire into whether Mountain Water Company's (Mountain Water) current water rates for its Missoula, Montana customers are just and reasonable. On January 11, 2016, the Commission received the *Joint Applicants' Notice of Closing and Withdrawal of Joint Application* (Notice) in Docket No. D2014.12.99. The Notice stated that on January 8, 2016, the sale and transfer of Western Water stock to Liberty WWH closed, with Liberty WWH merging into Western Water and Western Water continuing as the wholly-owned subsidiary of Liberty Utilities. The Commission's proceedings, at that time were stayed by the Missoula District Court, so the Commission had not yet completed its review of the sale and transfer.

On February 3, 2016, the Commission issued a *Notice of Investigation and Intervention Deadline*. On February 4, 2016, the Commission issued data requests PSC-001 through PSC-008 to Mountain Water. On February 16, 2016, Mountain Water filed a *Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Data Requests* (motion). Through a delegation of authority to staff, the Commission hereby grants the motion. Mountain Water must file its responses to data requests PSC-001 through PSC-008 by **February 17, 2016**.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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