

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

1. 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 rates for its Missoula, Montana customers are just and reasonable.

2. On January 11, 2016, the Commission received the *Joint Applicants’ Notice of Closing and Withdrawal of Joint Application* in Docket No. D2014.12.99. This *Notice* informed the Commission 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 never completed its review of the sale and transfer in Docket No. D2014.12.99.

3. On February 3, 2016, the Commission issued a *Notice of Investigation and Intervention Deadline*. On March 1, 2016, the City of Missoula and Clark Fork Coalition were granted limited intervention. On March 2, 2016, the Montana Consumer Counsel was granted intervention. On March 7, 2016, the Commission, through delegation of authority to staff, issued *Procedural Order No. 7475a*.

4. On April 6, 2016, via Notice of Staff Action, the Commission modified *Procedural Order No. 7475a*, setting April 20, 2016 as the deadline for discovery to parties regarding their testimony. On April 20, 2016, the Commission issued Data Requests PSC-011 through PSC-021 to Mountain Water. On April 26, 2016, Mountain Water filed its *Objection to PSC-014*. The Commission, through delegation of authority to staff, hereby withdraws PSC-014.

DONE AND DATED this 28th day of April, 2016, 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