June 23, 2004

NOTICE REGARDING REQUIRED ATTENDANCE AT PREHEARING CONFERENCE

(Notification of attendance – Monday, June 28, 2004) (Prehearing conference – Tuesday, June 29, 2004, 1:30 p.m.)

RE: Nancy Bates et al v. Marbello Water Company Docket No. UW-040792

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

This is to advise the complainants in this case about whether they need to attend the prehearing conference in this case, to be convened on Tuesday, June 29, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. in Olympia, Washington, in person.

Several complainants have called the Commission asking whether they need to physically attend the prehearing conference. The Commission has been advised that the following complainants will attend the conference in person: Ronald Holloway, Ronald DeLisle and Joel Birchman. I have advised other complainants that they need not attend in person.

The Commission encourages complainants to appear in person at the prehearing conference. In order to verify the continued interest of the complainants that do not attend in person, it will be necessary for those complainants to call in by telephone at the time of the hearing to enter their appearances. Otherwise, they will risk being found in default and their complaints dismissed.

NOTICE:

• <u>ALL COMPLAINANTS</u> IN THIS CASE MUST ATTEND THE PREHEARING CONFERENCE EITHER BY TELEPHONE OR IN PERSON.

- ALL COMPLAINANTS (EXCEPT THOSE THREE NAMED ABOVE) MUST ADVISE THE COMMISSION BY MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2004 WHETHER THEY INTEND TO APPEAR IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE. IF THEY CHOOSE TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE, THEY MUST ASK TO BE ASSIGNED A SPACE ON THE COMMISSION'S HEARING ROOM PHONE. BECAUSE THERE ARE LIMITED SPACES ON THAT PHONE SYSTEM, COMPLAINANTS WHO WILL NOT BE ATTENDING IN PERSON SHOULD FORM GROUPS, WITH EACH GROUP USING ONLY ONE PHONE CONNECTION TO THE COMMISSION. EVEN IF A COMPLAINANT (EXCEPT FOR THE THREE NAMED ABOVE) HAS PREVIOUSLY CALLED IN TO THE COMMISSION ASKING ABOUT WHETHER THEY NEED TO APPEAR, THEY MUST STILL CALL IN BY MONDAY, JUNE 28TH AS REQUIRED IN THIS NOTICE.
- COMPLAINANTS SHOULD CALL 360-664-1139 BY MONDAY, JUNE 28TH TO ADVISE THE COMMISSION ABOUT THEIR APPEARANCE AND TO OBTAIN THE COMMISSION'S HEARING ROOM PHONE NUMBER. EACH COMPLAINANT OR COMPLAINANT GROUP WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUPPLY THE PHONE NUMBER FROM WHICH THEY WILL CALL THE COMMISSION.
- THE COMMISSION ENCOURAGES THE COMPLAINANTS TO COORDINATE WITH EACH OTHER REGARDING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROCEEDING.

Sincerely,

THEODORA M. MACE Administrative Law Judge