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In the Matter of the Application of T & T Professional Services

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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE	_	1	OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON; JUNE 15, 2015
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T & T PROFESSIONAL SERVICES) UW-143617		4	
For an Order Declining to Assert)		5	JUDGE PEARSON: Let's be on the record in
Jurisdiction Over, or, in the Alternative, Approving the Transfer of)		6	Docket UW-143617 captioned In the matter of the
Piper Water System, Pinewood Water) System, and Lightmoor Court Water)		7	Application of T & T Professional Services for an Order
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		9	Alternative, Approving the Transfer of the Piper Water
PREHEARING CONFERENCE, VOLUME I		10	System, Pinewood Water System, and Lightmoor Court Water
Pages 1 - 16		11	System.
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RAYNE PEARSON		12 13	Today is Monday, June 15th, 2015, a little
	_	14	after 10:30 a.m., and we are here for a prehearing conference to discuss scheduling and other procedural
10:30 A.M.		15	issues. My name is Rayne Pearson. I'm the
JUNE 15, 2015		16	Administrative Law Judge presiding over this case.
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission		17	We have one party present in the hearing
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive Southwest		18	room right now, so let's go ahead and take an appearance
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250		19	from Commission Staff.
REPORTED BY: LISA BUELL, RPR, CRR, CCR #2204		20	MS. BROWN: Good morning, Your Honor. My
Realtime Systems Administrator Buell Realtime Reporting, LLC		21	name is Sally Brown, Assistant Attorney General,
1325 Fourth Avenue		22	appearing today on behalf of Commission Staff. My
Suite 1840 Seattle, Washington 98101		23	co-counsel on this proceeding has filed a notice of
206.287.9066 Seattle 360.534.9066 Olympia		24	appearance dated June 11th. His name is Brett,
800.846.6989 National www.buellrealtime.com		25	B-R-E-T-T, T. Shearer, S-H-E-A-R-E-R, Assistant Attorney
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1 APPEARANCES		1	General.
2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: 3 RAYNE PEARSON		2	JUDGE PEARSON: Thank you.
Washington Utilities and		3	MS. BROWN: Thank you.
Transportation Commission 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW		4	JUDGE PEARSON: And I believe on the bridge
5 P.O. Box 47250		5	line, we have Vivian Alpaugh from the Lightmoor Water
Olympia, Washington 98504 6 360.664.1136		6	System, Ann Marie Tripps from the Lightmoor Water
FOR WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND		7	System, Frank Gorman from the Lightmoor Water System,
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now. It is approximately 10:59 a.m. Ms. Thurston has just arrived. I will take your appearance in a moment. I've already taken an appearance from Staff.

And just for your benefit, on the bridge line right now, we have from Lightmoor Water System, Vivian Alpaugh, Ann Marie Tripps, Frank Gorman and Jason Younker.

From Piper Water System, we have Robin Moeur. And from Kitsap Public Health, we have John Kiess and Melina Knoop.

Okay. So if you could pull the microphone a little bit closer to you and just go ahead and state your name and provide your address, phone number and email address.

MS. THURSTON: My name is Cheri Thurston.
My address is 111 Sparrow Court, Port Ludlow, Washington
98365. My email address is my name, C-H-E-R-I
underscore Thurston, T-H-U-R-S-T-O-N, @MSN.com.

JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you.

So unless either party has an objection, I think it's appropriate to consolidate this docket with Docket 150791. That docket is a penalty assessment in the amount of \$1,000 for T&T Professional Services' failure to file a 2014 annual report by the May 1st deadline.

and operation of the Piper System by the Thurstons, providing enough time for the consumers on the Piper System to complete our planning and replacement of the Piper System of (inaudible) hydrogeologist's report.

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We may perform an LDD with a PUD, but that decision has not yet been made. We cannot determine the transferee until we complete our planning process.

JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

MS. MOEUR: Second, we also request consideration of the Thurstons' accountability decommission to existing auxiliary wells on the property where the well is currently located, and I believe Melina and John from Public Health can comment on the history of the requested decommissioning from Public Health.

JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you.

Does either party have an objection to

Ms. Moeur's petition for intervention?

MS. BROWN: To the contrary, Your Honor, we welcome it.

JUDGE PEARSON: Okay.

MS. THURSTON: Well, I'm a little confused because I've talked to several of the owners at Piper, and it is their concern that Miss Moeur is -- her whole objective is to get the well off of her property, and so

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Are the parties agreeable to consolidating these dockets?

MS. BROWN: Yes, Your Honor.

JUDGE PEARSON: Ms. Thurston?
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MS. THURSTON: Yes.

JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you.

So on Friday, we received a petition for intervention from Robin Moeur on behalf of the Piper Water System.

Ms. Moeur, if you want to just briefly speak to your petition, and then I'll see if either of the other parties has an objection to your petition.

MS. MOEUR: Yes. The fundamental nature of the petition focuses on two points: First of all, that we have continued ownership and operation by Thurston of the (inaudible) --

THE COURT REPORTER: I can't hear.

JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Ms. Moeur, could you speak up. The court reporter is having trouble hearing you, and so are the people in the hearing room.

MS. MOEUR: Okay. I can shout. Is that

better?

JUDGE PEARSON: It's a little bit better.

MS. MOEUR: The nature of the petition

focuses on two points: Point one, continued ownership

she -- it is -- that is her motivation, and that's coming directly from her neighbors.

JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. We're just now addressing whether you have any objection to her petition to intervene in this case, and it sounds like if you have concerns about that, it might be best to allow --

MS. THURSTON: Yeah.

JUDGE PEARSON: -- her intervention.

MS. THURSTON: Uh-huh.

JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. So, Ms. Moeur, because you have a compelling interest in this case as a representative of the Piper Water System and not just as a single customer, I'm going to grant your petition for intervention.

And now I would like to ask if there are any other parties that are seeking to intervene.

Okay. Hearing nothing, there are a couple other issues I would like to address today on the record, and the first is to clarify which entity is currently operating the water system. I see that Mr. Thurston is the sole proprietor of T&T Professional Services; is that correct?

MS. THURSTON: That's correct, but that was closed in 2012.

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              JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And what do you mean
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                                                                                MS. THURSTON: Well. I don't know if Fred
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       by "closed"?
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                                                                         Steinman has email, but I know that Bumpus does.
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              MS. THURSTON: Well, we closed the business.
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       We closed through the IRS, we closed through the state.
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       and we wanted -- our objective was to open an LLC
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       instead of a sole proprietorship.
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              JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And you are the --
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                                                                         point Staff, you and Ms. Moeur.
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              MS. THURSTON: T&T Professional Services was
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       not available to do an LLC as a name, so we had to
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       change it to Water and Wastewater Management Services.
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              JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And you are the
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       governing --
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              MS. THURSTON: I am the owner.
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                                                                         consent to electronic service?
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              JUDGE PEARSON: The owner of Waste -- Water
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                                                                                MS. MOEUR: Yes.
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       and Wastewater Management, LLC --
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              MS. THURSTON: Water and Wastewater
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       Management Services, LLC.
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              JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And that is the
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                                                                         conclude by October 25, 2015, unless the company waives
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       entity that's currently operating --
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                                                                         that statutory requirement in writing, but with the
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             MS. THURSTON: Yes.
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                                                                         October 25th deadline in mind, we're looking at a
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              JUDGE PEARSON: - the system?
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                                                                         hearing date the first week of August, and specifically
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             MS. THURSTON: Uh-huh.
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                                                                         August 3rd, 4th or 5th, with a start time of 9:30 a.m.,
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              JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And you said that the
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                                                                         and I would also like the parties to schedule a
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       transfer occurred in 2012?
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                                                                         settlement conference sometime during the week of July
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             MS. THURSTON: Well, we closed T&T 2012, and
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                                                                         13th or July 20th.
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       to our unbeknownst knowledge now, we should have had
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       that transferred with the UTC, but it was always our
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       common goal to get out of the water system so we kind of
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              JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. That was my next
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                                                                         13th schedule won't work for me. Later in July --
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       question. So you didn't --
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                                                                         you're saying the 23rd?
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              MS. THURSTON: Right.
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                                                                                JUDGE PEARSON: The week of the 20th. Why
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              JUDGE PEARSON: -- seek Commission approval
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                                                                         don't we take a brief recess, and you can discuss it
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       before making that transfer?
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              MS. THURSTON: We did not. We did not.
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              JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. And second, we
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       received comments from a number of customers in this
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       docket, and I will be incorporating those comments into
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       the docket -- or into the record at the hearing, but two
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       of the comments indicate that Fred Steinman and Don
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                                                                         conference with the parties only on July 20th at 10 a.m.
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       Bumpus are willing to take over the Pinewood Water
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                                                                         and a hearing on August 5th at 9:30 a.m.
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       System. Are you able to --
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                                                                                Is there anything else we need to address
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              MS. THURSTON: That's correct.
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                                                                         while we're here today?
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              JUDGE PEARSON: -- confirm that?
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                                                                                MS. BROWN: This may seem a bit unorthodox,
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              MS. THURSTON: Yes, that's correct, uh-huh.
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                                                                         but I just want to, just for the benefit of the parties,
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              JUDGE PEARSON: Okay. Thank you.
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                                                                         state on the record some of the issues that I would like
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              All right. And that brings us to service.
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       Do each of the parties consent to electronic service if
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       the Commission decides to serve documents in that
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       manner? So it would be via email.
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                                                                                JUDGE PEARSON: Sure.
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Page 15 Page 13 MS. BROWN: And I'm happy to provide both 1 CERTIFICATE 1 2 the intervenor and Ms. Thurston copies of the statutes, 2 3 STATE OF WASHINGTON 3 if that would be helpful to you, or Commission 4 COUNTY OF KING regulations, but I would encourage you to take a look at 4 5 RCW 80.12, which is the transfer of property statute, 5 6 I, Lisa Buell, a Certified Shorthand Reporter and 6 and also I would assume that the Thurstons have been 7 7 giving considerable thought to a transfer plan. Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, do 8 I would encourage you to examine RCW 8 hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of the 9 9 80.28.110, and that pertains to the company's obligation hearing on April 15, 2015, is true and accurate to the 10 best of my knowledge, skill and ability. 10 to serve. 11 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand 11 And finally, I would direct your attention 12 12 to RCW 80.04.015(29)(e), which addresses the scope of and seal this 23rd day of June, 2015. 13 the Commission's regulatory jurisdiction over water 13 companies and removal regulation. 14 14 15 And my preliminary research discloses that 15 LISA BUELL, RPR, ČF 16 16 the statutes are but a few that are relevant here in 17 this proposed transaction. There are statutes and 17 18 regulations identifying the State Board of Health, the 18 My commission expires: 19 **DECEMBER 2018** 19 State Department of Health, the Kitsap County Health 20 District, the Kitsap County Public Utility District, and 20 21 21 presumably there are local or other municipal water 22 utilities in the area that I am unaware of. So there 22 23 23 are many issues that will need to be addressed in the 24 context of this proceeding. 24 25 That's all I have. Thank you, Your Honor. 25 Page 14 1 JUDGE PEARSON: Thank you. Anything else? 2 Okay. Hearing nothing, I will issue an 3 order reflecting what was discussed here today, and we 4 are adjourned. Thank you. 5 (Hearing concluded at 11:12 a.m.) 6 7 -000-8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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