

December 16, 2008

Attn: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Mark Sidran, Chair
Patrick Oshie, Commissioner
Philip Jones, Commissioner
David Danner, Executive Director

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Re: Deer Meadows Water Company's Request for Rate Increases
Application No. UW-082113

Dear Sirs:

I have been nominated to make the following request on behalf of the Deer Meadows residents listed on the attached page.

Per WAC 480-07-385, we hereby file this written **Motion for Continuance, Postponement, or Extension of Time** regarding the subject request for rate increases based on the following reasons.

1 – The Water Company spent about three months since withdrawing its prior request to hire an engineering firm to approximate the water system value which forms the basis of this latest rate increase proposal. The water company customers have only been given three weeks between notification and the open meeting on December 23. This is an insufficient amount of time for the impacted customers, most who don't reside in the Deer Meadows area during the winter months, to unite and prepare for the open meeting. We request an equal 3 months to conduct an independent assessment of the water system's estimated value.

2 – The WUTC has received many complaints about the water company's billing and meter reading practices. These administrative practices were greatly improved in the later part of 2008. However the WUTC only has customer usage data on file from 2007. If inaccurate 2007 water usage and income data is used to estimate future profitability, the calculations will be biased to grant higher rates than may be needed for a fair and reasonable profit. We hereby request the WUTC postpone ruling until the water company files its 2008 income tax return and supplies 2008 water usage data.

On behalf of the Deer Meadows residents listed on the attached page, please give this motion request your serious consideration. We all want and need a viable operating water company. However, before determining that a rate increase is justified, we submit that 1) adequate past water meter readings are mandatory to estimate future usage; and 2) the water company's records and assessed value must be accurate. Please give the water company's customers adequate time to determine if we agree with the data presented as well as hold the water company accountable to provide you accurate customer usage and financial data.

Sincerely,

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Represented Residents:

Anderson, Al and Kathy
Bohn, Margaret
Brown, Ron and Barb
Brown, Darrel and Ginger
Coleman, Jim and Maureen
Dickinson, Robert and Teresa
Forest, Dave and Doreen
Fuller, Dave and Geraldine
Gerlach, Gerry and Billie
Goodwin, Willis and Paulette
Gower, Bob and Yvonne
Harmening, Bill and Nancy
Heiden, Bob and Janet
Helfers, Fred and Elissa
Janosky, William and April
Kelly, Warren and Donna
Kerr, Dan and Julie
Leech, Norm and Donna
Manfred, Rick and Maria
Mapp, David and Judy
McCulley, Lance & Kim
McCulley, Gary & Celeste
Miller, Sylvia and Jim
Prichard, Brian and Barbara
Reid, Clarence and Patricia
Rossow, Terry and Barb
Schuldt, Scott and Lori
Shannon, Randy and Beth
Shulkin, Rick & Sherry
Stark, Terry and Darci
Sweeny, Ken and Bunnie
Tomchick, Andy
Tompkins, Don and Place, Lorraine
Wager, Bruce and Joyce
Walker, Howard and Joann
Williams, Jessie
Williams, Pat and Maureen
Williams, Rick and Cindy
Wood, Harold and Elizabeth
Zimmerman, Ted & Leslie