

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

Docket No. UM 1769

In the Matter of MOUNTAIN HOME  
WATER DISTRICT APPLICATION TO  
ABANDON WATER SERVICE AND  
UTILITY

PETITION TO INTERVENE

petitions to intervene in this proceeding. In support of this petition, the following is provided:

1. The contact information (name, address, email address) of the petitioner is:

Name: Mel and/or Connie Kroker  
Company:  
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City, State, Zip: West Linn, OR 97068  
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Please include this contact on the service list.

2a. The petitioner  will  will not be represented by counsel in this proceeding. The contact information for petitioner's counsel to be included on the service list is:

Name:  
Company:  
Street Address:  
City, State, Zip:  
Email Address:  
Telephone:

2b. Additional contacts to be included on the service list (a petitioner is limited to three contacts on the service list):

Name:  
Company:  
Street Address:  
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Email Address:  
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3. If the petitioner is an organization, the number of members in and the purposes of the organization:

List of Members attached

4. The nature and extent of the Petitioner's interest in the proceeding is:

Petitioner is one of the 4 Affected Customers listed on the Application for Abandonment/Termination of the Mountain Home Water District (MHWD) filed with the PUC on April 01,2016 (The Application) by Keith L. Ironside, the Applicant.

5. The issues the Petitioner intends to raise at the proceeding are:

We have been customers of this Water System for 40 years. How can the Applicant terminate the service of a fully functional state regulated Public Water Utility and allow only 90 days for the Affected Customers to construct a well on their property or construct a shared well on a neighbors property?

The issues we have with the Application stem from the impossible 90 day deadline, the imposition of extreme financial hardship to a retired couple living on Social Security, and the stated reason for abandonment of the service.

Sub paragraph (d) of the Application filed with the PUC on April 1, 2016 states the reason for Termination of Water Service and Abandonment of the Water Utility was "The well has failed and can't be repaired". In 1973 the original 600 foot deep well was tested at 95 gallons a minute with a static water level of 352 feet. In March the Applicant replaced the original well with a new one only a few feet away in the same aquifer down to the same 600 foot level and connected it to the existing 42 year old Water Utility System. On March 31, 2016 the new well tested at 100 gallons a minute, and static water level of 355 feet. The Mountain Home Water System was fully operational on the date the Application for abandonment was filed with the PUC. On March 28, 2016 during the meeting where the customers received notice of the Application, the Applicant's Attorney opened the meeting stating the reason the Applicant wanted to terminate the Mountain Home Water District was that Mr. Ironside was retired and no longer wished to be in the water business. This reason was not mentioned in the Application.

To construct a well on our property, we must reposition the existing alternate drain field requiring 60-90 days for Clackamas County approval and construction of the alternate septic system at \$10,000 cost .

Electrical service to well site will take 60 days for PGE to design, 3 weeks to install for \$3000 using our existing on site transformer. If power must come from Buckman Road power pole add additional 30 days and \$5000 for surveying, construction and recording.

Olsen Well Drilling bid for well and equipment is \$48,460, not \$30,000 as stated in the Application due to limited access to the well site. Pumphouse cost estimate is \$4,000 and can only be constructed after the well is drilled. Connection of water line from pump house to our residence will take another 30 days and \$3,500.

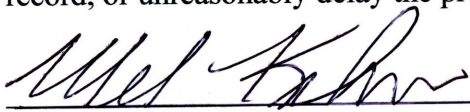
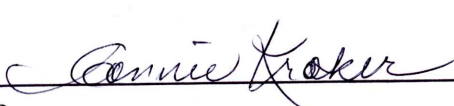
Due to site limitations, the well drillers say we must have permanent access from Buckman Road for construction and maintenance of the well. During a phone call March 30, 2016, the Applicant agreed verbally to allow access to the site for construction of a well. Before approving the Application, we want the PUC to require the Applicant to commit to this access in writing. We must have a contingency amount in the project estimate for protecting and /or repair of the existing access road and shoulders during construction.

We estimate the time required to construct a well on our property is 120 days from the date of the PUC approval of the Application and will cost over \$71,000. This is a major financial hardship on our family.

6. The special knowledge or expertise of the Petitioner that would assist the Commission in resolving the issues in the proceeding is:

The Petitioner's Architectural partnership designed the original 25 lot subdivision for Dale G. Belford in 1973 who developed the water system still in use today, I purchased lot 6 in 1974 and constructed a home here in 1976, designed most of the homes constructed on the lots and have participated in sharing the water utility for 40 years.

7. Based on the information provided above in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, I request to participate in this proceeding as an intervenor. I or the organization that I represent will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. OAR 860-001-0300.

  
  
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Petitioner or Petitioner's Representative

5-11-16  
Date Signed