

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1769

In the Matter of

MOUNTAIN HOME WATER
DISTRICT,

Application to Abandon Water Service
and Abandon Water Utility.

RULING

**DISPOSITION: MOTION DENIED; HEARING RESCHEDULED;
CROSS EXAMINATION STATEMENTS DUE**

On November 29, 2016, Mountain Home Water District filed a motion requesting that two of its witnesses be allowed to testify via telephone rather than in person. As grounds for its motion Mountain Home argues that their travel to Salem would cause financial harm on account of the distance to be traveled, resulting in lost income.

On December 6, 2016, intervenors Mel and Connie Kroker filed a response in opposition to Mountain Home's motion. The Krokeros argue that the subject testimony is crucial to the proceeding and that face-to-face cross-examination is necessary. As an alternative, the Krokeros suggest that the testimony be received via videoconferencing.

In its motion Mountain Home cites the hardship of traveling to Salem for the hearing. In the interim, I have decided that the hearing will be held at a location in the vicinity of the water utility, in West Linn. The concerns regarding travel to Salem no longer apply. Accordingly, the motion is now moot and is dismissed.

On November 28, 2016 the Krokeros filed a motion requesting a change of hearing date and filing dates for cross-examination statements and post-hearing briefs. The parties have since agreed to a new hearing date of January 9, 2016. A notice with the new date and location specifics is forthcoming.

Cross examination statements are due January 4, 2016 and post-hearing briefs shall be filed by the parties on January 30, 2016.

Dated this 7th day of December, 2016, at Salem, Oregon.



Patrick Power
Administrative Law Judge