ISSUED: January 12, 2016

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1745

In the Matter of

MT. SHADOWS HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION,

Petition for an Order Excluding an Association from Exclusive Service Territory of a Water Company. PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM

On January 12, 2106, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon held a prehearing conference in this docket. Representatives appeared on behalf of the Mt. Shadows Home Owners Association; Mountain Shadows Utilities, LLC; and Commission Staff. Jim and Laura Parr appeared on their own behalf.

At the conference, I was informed that the Home Owners Association purchased the water company on January 11, 2016. Accordingly, the Home Owners Association asked that its petition for an order excluding it from the water company's service territory be dismissed.

I asked the Commission Staff to investigate this matter to determine what actions the Commission must take to effectuate the transfer of the water utility to the Homeowners Association while assuring continuing service to non-member customers. In its investigation, Staff should advise the parties regarding Staff's view of the public utility status of the enterprise going forward and the corresponding rights and obligations of the new utility.

Staff shall file a status report not later than February 12, 2016, advising the Commission of its findings and recommending such actions as necessary to bring this matter through to a successful outcome.

Dated this 12th day of January, 2016, at Salem, Oregon.

Patrick Power Administrative Law Judge