

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)	
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PETE'S MOUNTAIN WATER CO., INC.)	Testimony By
)	Intervener
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Request for an increase in total annual)	
Revenues from \$111,079 to \$212,300.)	
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I previously testified about the concerns of the Stafford Hills Ranch Home Owners Association of which I am the Treasurer. Those concerns are twofold. First is the overall revenue increase requested. The second is more specific to the Association. While this submittal is required at the same time as the Staff is to submit its testimony and recommendation, I am assuming it will continue its prior recommendation to adopt tiered rates based upon water meter size and prohibit the practice the Association has previously arranged with the Company to have the water service turned off during periods of none usage and abate any changes during such times.

The common property served by PMWC is less that 0.10 acres and only half of that consists of sprinkle irrigation. As a "commercial" project during its initial construction, the common property was provided with a 2" water meter service even though the demand/usage could be easily served by a 1" meter or less. While a higher minimum rate might be justified if it came with an equally larger minimum water usage allotment, it does not. Even then, it would be unfair as the Association uses no water during the wet months of the year.

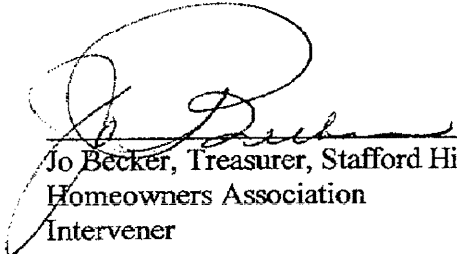
I make two requests:

1. That the Company and the Association be permitted to continue their previous practice of turning off the water connection during extended periods of nonuse and abate the minimum charges. There is no showing or argument that any other ratepayer is harmed or disadvantaged by that practice nor is there any evidence that the practice results in the Association paying less that its appropriate share of the Company's costs.

2. If there is multi-tier minimum based upon "meter-size", that the narrowest "constriction" placed in the line would be determinative of the "meter size" for purpose of such rate differential. The only legitimate basis for a higher rate might be the capacity demands placed upon the Company to service a customer who was capable of withdrawing large quantities of water within a limited period of time. While the meter size is one indication of the capacity demand, the demand rate is actually determined primarily by the narrowest constriction

in the line. If the customer places a constriction even smaller than the meter, it is the size of that constriction that would dictate the maximum withdrawal rate from the system. Any rate differential should be written to reflect that reality and permit the Company to charge any differing rate accordingly. Otherwise, customers like the Association would be required to expend wasted monies to remove and replace perfectly good water meters with smaller ones just to ensure there capacity is "limited" when a constriction could be installed at a fraction of the cost and would serve the very same objective and purpose. This waste of recourses and monies should be avoided.

Dated this 19th day of April 2007.



Jo Becker, Treasurer, Stafford Hills Ranch
Homeowners Association
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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I hereby certify that on April 20, 2007, I served the foregoing upon all parties of record in
3 this proceeding by delivering a copy by electronic mail to the parties accepting paper service.
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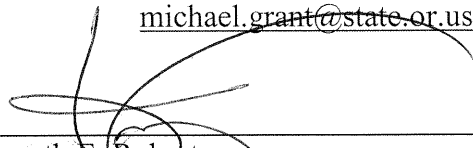
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