

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF the Investigation of) REGULATORY DIVISION
the Montana Public Service Commission int)
whether Mountain Water Company's rates ar) DOCKET NO. D2016.2.15
Just and Reasonable)

**PREHEARING MEMORANDUM
OF THE MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL**

Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC) submits its prehearing memorandum in accordance with the Notice of Staff Action dated April 6, 2016.

I. CONTESTED ISSUES.

MCC identifies the following contested issue in this docket:

Whether Mountain Water's rates are just and reasonable in light of the significant change in costs resulting from the consummation of the unauthorized transfer of ownership from the Carlyle Group to Liberty Utilities/Algonquin Power?

II. WITNESSES.

MCC will call Dr. John Wilson. MCC reserves the right to call and to cross-examine any witnesses identified or called by any party, and reserves the right to call any of its witnesses to rebut any testimony that is offered at hearing that is outside the scope of the prefiled materials, if appropriate.

III. EXHIBITS.

Depending on the sequence of testimony, MCC will offer the Direct Testimony of Dr. John Wilson as Exhibit MCC - 1. MCC reserves the right to introduce other exhibits at the hearing as may become necessary.

IV. RESPONSES TO DATA REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS

MCC intends to move for the admission of the responses of all parties to all data requests in this Docket.

MCC reserves the right to introduce any other exhibits identified, referenced or relied upon in the testimony or by any party in this proceeding.

V. SPECIAL SCHEDULING NEEDS.

MCC has no particular scheduling needs assuming the hearing is completed within the currently scheduled dates.

DATED this 29th day of April, 2016.



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