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MEMORANDUM

TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
Chris Parker, Division Director
William Duncan, Manager, Telecom & Water Section
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DATE: August 1, 2013

SUBJECT: In the Matter of the Application of Hi-Country Estates Homeowners Association for Approval of its Proposed Water Rate Schedules and Water Service Regulations

RE: Docket No. 13-2195-02

RECOMMENDATION: INCOMPLETE RATE CASE FILING

The Division recommends that the Utah Public Service Commission not accept the filing as complete until the Company files the required documentation on or before September 16, 2013.

The Division recommends the Commission reschedule the scheduling conference of August 12, 2013 for after September 16, 2013.

RESULTS OF REVIEW:

On July 11, 2013 Hi-Country Estates Homeowners Association (Hi-Country) filed for approval of its proposed culinary water rates and service regulations. The Division of Public Utilities (Division) reviewed the information filed by Hi-Country in its rate case application to determine if the filing is complete per R746-700-01, R746-700-10, F746-700-50 and R746-700-51. The Division found four major deficiencies.

WATER USAGE: (R746-700-50. (C.) 5)

The Company provided a copy of the Water Company Billing Spreadsheet for October 2012. Although the rule is not clear, water usage for each month of the test period by connection is what the Division will need to complete the proper analysis for the rate case.

SECONDARY WATER: (R746-700-50. (C.) 9)

The Company did not provide “information on any secondary/irrigation water system to include each connection identified, date put into service, metered or unmetered, classified as residential or commercial, water usage per month [for the test period], growth, and water usage and billings projected for the next three years.”

TAX RETURNS: (R756-700-50. (D.) 9)

The Company indicated on Exhibit D that “Hi-Country has yet to file tax returns for 2011 or 2012. Hi country has provided the necessary information to its tax accountant and expects returns for both years to be filed on or before September 16, 2013.

ADDITIONAL RATES: (R746-700-51. (C.)

In the Company’s application under the New Rate Schedule it proposes an Active Meter Replacement Fee, a Nonstandard Service Connection Review Fee and Well Lease Customer fee. The Company has not provided in its schedules and exhibits any supporting documentation to explain and demonstrate the calculation of the proposed additional rates.

CONCLUSION:

The Division recommends that the Utah Public Service Commission not accept the filing as complete until the Company files the deficient documentation on or before September 16, 2013. The Division recommends the Commission reschedule the scheduling conference after September 16, 2013.

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