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From:

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Re:

Information submitted to be considered at the hearing in the Matter of the Investigation of the Water System Operation of Cedar Ridge Distribution Company for Certification as a Public Utility or Exemption as a Mutual Culinary Water Company.

Docket No. 10-2423-02

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE, Issued January 3, 2011

The purpose of this time line is to give a documented history of the Cedar Ridge Distribution Company to the best of the available and accessible knowledge. This documentation reveals a history of lack of transparency and non-compliance for many years that the company has been in operation.

The owner of the Cedar Ridge Distribution Company does not want to run the company any more. He wishes to make the company a mutual/exempt company. A substantial number of the customers of the Cedar Ridge Distribution Company wish to pursue annexation into the Town of Deweyville instead of becoming a mutual water company.

Here are the issues:

- Becoming a mutual/exempt company creates a hardship for the customers in terms of taking on the Cedar Ridge Distribution Company's debts and liabilities.
- Becoming a mutual/exempt company also creates the hardship of manning, managing, and being qualified to operate a water company.
- There has been a lack of transparency in the sale of the well, the last assessment, the financial records, and the general running of the current company.
- The customers do not wish to be considered "owners" of this company even with new articles and bylaws.

- Operations or financial documentation for the current company is almost non-existent or not made available, e.g. an invoicing system for monthly water usage, notices of water quality tests, notices of fire suppression adequacy, documentation for the costs of the alleged pump failures and why these were not covered by warranty triggering the pump costs Cedar Ridge wants to transfer to the homeowners.
- The current company has operated without a CPCN or exemption from the beginning creating a situation where the customers have not had any protection, mediation, or representation.
- Receiving an exemption takes away any mediation or assistance the customers are able to receive from the State of Utah, and given the history of the company, this is not in our best interest.
- The customers were not invited to participate in the rewriting of the articles or bylaws, we were only invited to a meeting so the owner's attorney could convince us that we should become an mutual/exempt company (and this invitation was not extended by the owner of the company, the customers were informed of this by another customer who spoke to the owner). The customers do not wish to be forced into ownership of a company without representation and input.
- At the last water meeting on January 17, 2011, the owner told us that we would not be forced into a mutual company against our will.

We respectfully request denial of the formation of a mutual/exempt company so we may proceed with annexation into the Town of Deweyville.

Thank you.

Lori Wisler