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1 BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

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4 WaterPro Inc.'s Application)
5 for Culinary Water Rate)
6 Increase)
) Docket No. 21-2443-01
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10 VIRTUAL PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING

11 (WATERPRO'S APPLICATION FOR RATE INCREASE)

12 Taken on August 4, 2022

13 3:00 p.m. to 4:02 p.m.

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19 Reported by: Michelle Mallonee, RPR, CCR

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23 Melinda
24 Member of the Public

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Good afternoon,
4 everyone. It is August 4, 2022, and it's approximately
5 3:00 in the afternoon. And this is the date and time set
6 for the public witness hearing in the matter of WaterPro
7 Inc.'s Application for Culinary Water Rate case -- or
8 Increase in Docket No. 21-2443-01.

9 Earlier today, we held an evidentiary hearing
10 that was scheduled for the intervenors in the case, and
11 that was held here at the Public Service Commission
12 offices, where WaterPro and the Division of Public
13 Utilities testified in support of the settlement
14 stipulation that was reached in the case and between
15 them.

16 So the purpose of this hearing is for the Public
17 Service Commission to hear from members of the public,
18 the people who will be affected by the proposed rate
19 increase, and give them an opportunity to comment on the
20 application that was filed by WaterPro and, more
21 specifically, the settlement stipulation that was reached
22 between the parties.

23 Just to give everybody on the phone general
24 information, under the terms of the estimate stipulation,
25 effective October 1, 2022, your culinary water rate would

1 increase 5 percent, approximately, across the board if
2 the Commission approves the settlement stipulation and if
3 the Public Service Commission finds that it's in the
4 public interest.

5 And so it looks like we have -- I see a couple
6 of people who have called in. And what happens is, I
7 will give you an opportunity to comment. We will
8 certainly consider the comments that were provided. And
9 then the Commission will look at the evidence and the
10 comments and then decide and issue an order by the
11 proposed effective date.

12 And so I think I have a couple of people only,
13 but let me start with Melinda. Is there a Melinda on the
14 line? And if you're trying to listen -- speak, I'm
15 sorry, we can't hear you. Okay. I don't hear from
16 Melinda.

17 So let's go to Joanna M.

18 MS. MATYJASIK: I am part of the Division.

19 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. And what about
20 Melinda?

21 Thank you, Joanna.

22 Doesn't sound like Melinda wants to speak.

23 MELINDA: I can't get in.

24 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Oh, I heard Melinda, I
25 believe, in the background. Did I hear Melinda in the

1 background? Melinda, are you a member of the public who
2 would like to speak? Okay. Apparently she is gone.

3 So let's give it -- let's give it 15 minutes.
4 Let's reconvene at 3:20 and see if we have somebody on
5 the phone. Just call back on this number or, you know,
6 join the WebEx, the same WebEx, and let's all come back
7 at 3:20 and see if there's anyone who would like to
8 comment. And if not, I believe that that would be
9 sufficient time for members of the public to comment and
10 get on the line if they're interested in commenting on
11 it.

12 So let's rejoin at 3:20, everybody. Thank you.

13 (A break was taken from 3:05 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.)

14 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: We're back, and I don't
15 see anybody new on the line; is that correct? Nobody new
16 that I can see.

17 And I misspoke earlier. We went back and looked
18 at the notice, and we are taking comments until -- or
19 giving people until 4:00 to give comments, provide
20 comments to the Public Service Commission about the
21 settlement stipulation that was reached between the
22 Division and WaterPro. So I think that we can reconvene
23 and check back at 3:40. And then we'll set another, I
24 think, one more time after that before we close this out.

25 So thank you, everybody. I don't see anybody on

1 the line. Let's circle back at 3:40. Thank you.

2 (A break was taken from 3:21 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.)

3 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Are there any
4 members of the public who would like to comment on
5 WaterPro's application, specifically the settlement
6 stipulation that was reached between the Division of
7 Public Utilities and WaterPro for a rate increase of
8 approximately 5 percent from current rates? Okay. It
9 doesn't look like there's anyone on the line.

10 Let's come back at five to 4:00, and then just
11 stay on the line, and then we'll see if there's anybody
12 who calls in by 4:00. So we'll see you back at 3:55,
13 everybody. Thank you.

14 (A break was taken from 3:41 p.m. to 3:55 p.m.)

15 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Let's hang on for
16 5 minutes and see if anybody will join us. And if they
17 don't, then we can adjourn at 4:01.

18 So you can mute yourself or not, but we'll be
19 able to hear everything you're saying. I'm going to mute
20 myself.

21 (A break was taken from 3:56 p.m. to 4:01 p.m.)

22 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Is anybody on
23 the line, any member of the public who would like to
24 comment on the application of WaterPro for a culinary
25 water rate increase, specifically the settlement

1 stipulation that was reached between the Division of
2 Public Utilities and WaterPro? This is your last
3 opportunity to speak. I don't see anybody. And I think
4 we can adjourn, then.

5 (The matter concluded at 4:02 p.m.)

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3 State of Utah)
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4 County of Salt Lake)

5 I, Michelle Mallonee, a Registered
6 Professional Reporter in and for the State of Utah, do
hereby certify:

7 That the proceedings of said matter was
8 reported by me in stenotype and thereafter transcribed
into typewritten form;

9 That the same constitutes a true and correct
10 transcription of said proceedings so taken and
transcribed;

11 I further certify that I am not of kin or
12 otherwise associated with any of the parties of said
cause of action, and that I am not interested in the
13 event thereof.

14 WITNESS MY HAND at Salt Lake City, Utah,
this 10th day of August, 2022.

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19 Utah CCR #267114-7801
20 Expires May 31, 2023
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