

MESS HOVED THE STATE OF THE STA

RICHARDSON & O'LEARY

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

MALTO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Molly O'Leary

Tel: 208-938-7900 Fax: 208-938-7904
molly@richardsonandolcary.com
P.O. Box 7218 Boise ID. 83707 - 515 N. 27th St. Boise, ID. 83702

November 18, 2005

Ms. Jean Jewell Commission Secretary Idaho Public Utilities Commission P O Box 83720 Boise ID 83720-0074 Hand Delivered

RE: Case No. EAG-W-05-03

UWI-W-05-03

Dear Ms. Jewell:

I am enclosing an original and seven (7) copies of the REBUTTAL COMMENTS OF EAGLE WATER COMPANY, INC'S. in response to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Proposed Order in the above case.

Moll OLear

Richardson & O'Leary, PLLC

Molly O'Leary (ISB No. 4996) Richardson & O'Leary PLLC 515 North 27th Street P.O. Box 7218 Boise, Idaho 83707 Telephone: (208) 938-7900 Fax: (208) 938-7904

Attorneys for Eagle Water Company, Inc.

BEFORE THE

IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTTER OF THE PETITION OF)
HILLVIEW DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION TO OBTAIN WATER
SERVICE TO COVENANT HILL
SUBDIVISION, AN AREA WITHIN THE
CERTIFICATE BOUNDARIES OF BOTH
EAGLE WATER COMPANY, INC. AND
UNITED WATER IDAHO, INC.

CASE NO. **EAG-W-05-03 UWI-W-05-03**

REBUTTAL COMMENTS OF EAGLE WATER COMPANY, INC.

COMES NOW, EAGLE WATER COMPANY ("Eagle Water"), and files the following Rebuttal Comments in response to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Proposed Order granting service of Covenant Hill Subdivision to United Water of Idaho, Inc.

COMMENTS

In response to Mr. Merkle's Comments, forwarded to the Commission on November 14th, Eagle Water has the following rebuttals:

1. The obtaining of easements to loop Eagle Water's Well No. 6 into its existing 12-inch mainline along Floating Feather Road is a red herring in terms of Eagle Water's <u>current ability to provide sufficient potable water and fire flow protection to the proposed subdivision</u>. Eagle Water maintains that it has sufficient water supply and

REBUTTAL COMMENTS OF EAGLE WATER COMPANY - 1

pressure to serve Covenant Hills even without the 12-inch mainline loop. However, Eagle Water believes that construction of a 12-inch mainline loop up to and through Covenant Hills is critical for augmenting and improving water pressure throughout its system.

2. The Calhoun Property (site of the proposed subdivision) has been in Eagle Water's service area for more than 20 years – long before United Water came to town. Routing a 12-inch mainline through the Calhoun Property has been in Eagle Water's master plan long for a long time and numerous decisions regarding the placement of system plant have been made based on that plan.

Downing Downs Subdivision is not a viable, cost-effective route for constructing Eagle Water's 12-inch mainline loop. Although the reason for this would seem to be obvious even to a lay person, it apparently is not obvious to Mr. Merkle despite his extensive experience in the construction trade. It is far more expensive to dig up existing pavement and remove existing mature landscaping and otherwise work around obstacles found in an established subdivision than it is to route said line through undeveloped ground. Although Mr. Merkle may not have to pay for the consequences of using such a costly route, Eagle Water's rate payers would.

- 3. Covenant Hill Subdivision does not "straddle" the boundary between United Water and Eagle Water's certificated areas. Thirty-six of the proposed 40 homes for Covenant Hill subdivision are in Eagle Water's certificated area.
- 4. Eagle Water has been working with DEQ to clarify its current ability to serve the Covenant Hill subdivision. Based on discussion with DEQ on Thursday, November 17th and Friday November 18th, Eagle Water believes that an immediate lifting of DEQ's September 7th moratorium on new service connections, as it pertains to this subdivision, is imminent. Once that moratorium is lifted, Hillview Development may commence construction according to its stated schedule.

Consequently, Eagle Water requests that the Commission delay a decision in this matter until November 21, 2005.

DATED this 18th day of November, 2005.

Richardson & O'Leary P.L.L.C.

Molly O(Leary

Attorneys for Eagle Water Company, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 18th day of November, 2005, the REBUTTAL COMMENTS OF EAGLE WATER COMPANY, INC. was sent to the following parties as shown:

Jean Jewell Commission Secretary Idaho Public Utilities Commission 472 West Washington Boise, Idaho 83702	 () U.S. Mail, Postage Prepaid (X) Hand Delivered () Overnight Mail () Facsimile () Electronic Mail
City of Eagle City Hall 310 East State Street P.O. Box 1520 Eagle, Idaho 83616	 () U.S. Mail, Postage Prepaid () Hand Delivered () Overnight Mail (X) Facsimile () Electronic Mail
Hillview Development Corporation 150 E. Aikens, Suite A Eagle, Idaho 83616	 () U.S. Mail, Postage Prepaid () Hand Delivered () Overnight Mail (X) Facsimile () Electronic Mail
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality 1445 North Orchard Boise, Idaho 83706	 () U.S. Mail, Postage Prepaid () Hand Delivered () Overnight Mail (X) Facsimile () Electronic Mail
Dean J. Miller McDevitt & Miller LLP 420 West Bannock Boise, Idaho 83702	 () U.S. Mail, Postage Prepaid () Hand Delivered () Overnight Mail (X) Facsimile () Electronic Mail

Molly Of Leary