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Ms. Jean Jewel
Commission Secretary
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EAG-W-08-01

Re: Floating Feather MHP, Connection to an Existing Water System

Dear Ms. Jewel:

I would like to file a complaint with the Commission regarding our ability to connect the Floating Feather Mobile Home Park (FFMHP) to Eagle Water Company's system (the certificated supplier), and inform the commission of the emergency situation at the FFMHP (uranium contamination in the well providing drinking water to 74 homes). I would like to request an expedited process to transfer FFMHP into United Water Company's certification area to allow the most expedient connection to a safe water source for the tenants of the Park.

Background

I represent the Floating Feather Partners, LLC (buyers), who have the FFMHP under a purchase contract with the Floating Feather Rental Co (sellers). We plan to close escrow and complete our purchase of the park on June 30th, 2008. We are working on gaining access to municipal water with the full knowledge, support, and cooperation of the sellers.

Floating Feather Mobile Home Park is under a DEQ consent order, dated October 10, 2007, due to uranium contamination in the well. Floating Feather Rental Co. began investigating contamination mitigation options under the direction of the DEQ including POU filtration. After entering into a purchase contract with Floating Feather Partners, LLC, both entities continued investigation. It became apparent for a variety of reasons, the most effective and efficient solution to the contamination problem, and the long term provision of safe drinking water to the FFMHP residents, is connection to a municipal water source. In February, we began discussions with water providers including Eagle Water Co., United Water Co., and the City of Eagle. The City of Eagle and United Water Co., while having infrastructure informed us that Eagle Water Co. is the certificated provider. Eagle Water Co., worked with us to engineer a connection, but could not proceed do to the moratorium on new connections resulting from their own Consent

Order, placed upon them by the DEQ. Since February, we have waited while Eagle Water worked through various scenarios/plans to satisfy the DEQ's requirements. Plans have included acquisition by the city of Eagle and combination with their water system, application for new well drilling permits, pumping station construction, and interconnect agreements with the City of Eagle and/or Garden City. Plans were updated it seems weekly, and for the past four month's, we were always "a couple of weeks a way" from permission.

I don't pretend to know all of the requirements or complexities necessary for the Eagle Water Co. to address their system deficiencies. I do know that four months later, the Company while apparently working very hard, is no closer to providing water to the park. In the meantime, the residents, many of whom are lower income, have no viable option but to continue to use and drink the contaminated water from the well. As no one knows the exact levels of uranium that constitutes a health hazard, but every one knows that uranium is dangerous, the residents are confused and afraid. They want (and deserve) a committed plan to provide safe water. We are extremely frustrated that we cannot provide such a commitment or a plan.

Request

United Water Co., like Eagle Water Co., has a water pipe on Horseshoe Bend Rd, directly adjacent to the FFMHP. While they haven't discussed engineering a solution for us, since we are not in their certificated area, they did indicate they have capacity adjacent to the park. It is our belief that they represent the most expedient path to safe drinking water for our tenants. We respectfully request an expedited process to recertify the FFMHP into United Water Co.'s area, and allow immediate connection. I have informed Ms. Tiffany Floyd of the DEQ of my intent to make this request. She indicated the DEQ is in support. Please advise us of the next steps and of any information requirements you may have.

Sincerely,

Rich Felix
Managing Member, Floating Feather Partners, LLC (Buyers)

cc: Dave Wagers, Floating Feather Rental Co. (Sellers)
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