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BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF MELODY RANCH	)	
WATER COMPANY LLC'S WATER SYSTEM	)	Docket No. 25-00054-UT
BREAKDOWN AND DISRUPTION OF SERVICE	)	

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE AND TO AMEND THE SERVICE LIST

The New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED" or "Department"), through undersigned counsel and pursuant to 1.2.2.23 NMAC, respectfully moves the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission") for leave to intervene and to amend the service list in this proceeding. In support, NMED states:

1. NMED administers and enforces New Mexico's drinking water regulations, 20.7.10 NMAC, including applicable federal drinking water requirements incorporated by reference therein. These responsibilities include oversight of public water systems to protect public health and promote compliance with applicable state and federal drinking water standards.

2. This proceeding concerns the breakdown and disruption of water service provided by Melody Ranch Water Company, LLC ("Melody Ranch"), and efforts to establish a reliable, long-term water supply for the community, including the proposed transfer of Melody Ranch's water system to EMWT Regional Water Association ("EMWT"), an entity regulated by the Department.

3. NMED has participated in interagency efforts to address the disruption of service and support development of a permanent solution. Those efforts have included coordination with Commission Staff, EMWT, and other stakeholders concerning water system needs, potential funding, and water-quality oversight during emergency water deliveries.

4. NMED possesses a substantial interest in the subject matter and outcome of this proceeding because the continued operation and proposed transfer of the Melody Ranch water system directly concern the provision of drinking water to persons served by a public water system subject to the Department's regulatory oversight.

5. NMED seeks to participate in the interest of protecting the health and welfare of the people of New Mexico, particularly the residents served by Melody Ranch, and advancing a sustainable solution that provides a reliable supply of safe, potable water for drinking and other residential uses in accordance with applicable state and federal drinking water standards.

6. NMED's participation will assist the Commission by providing the Department's perspective and expertise concerning drinking water protection and regulatory compliance. The Department's regulatory responsibilities provide an interest distinct from the ownership, operational, and economic interests of the entities involved in the proposed transfer.

7. NMED intends to participate efficiently and cooperatively, consistent with the Commission's procedural orders, and does not seek modification of the existing procedural schedule through this motion. Its participation will further the public interest without unduly delaying the proceeding or prejudicing existing parties.

8. NMED requests that the official service list be amended to include:

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WHEREFORE, NMED respectfully requests that the Commission grant the Department leave to intervene as a party in this proceeding, amend the official service list to include the individuals identified in paragraph 8, and grant such other relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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