



MOUNTAIN WATER COMPANY

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August 14, 1997

Mayor Mike Kadas
MISSOULA CITY HALL
435 Ryman
Missoula, MT 59802

RE: Mountain Water Company

Dear Mayor Kadas:

In our recent discussion, reference was once again made concerning the City's desire to secure an opportunity to purchase the Missoula Water System if the company decided it wished to sell.

This is to affirm our attorney's statement made in his letter to you, dated July 18, 1997 indicating "...that should Mountain Water determine to sell its Missoula Water System or to sell all the stock of Mountain Water, the City will be notified of that decision prior to any such sale."

It is recognized that in such an event, it would be necessary for the City to have a reasonable time to determine whether it wished to purchase the system, and as a consequence, the City may anticipate being granted a minimum of 90 days after the notice of the Company's intention to sell and the Company agrees that it would not sell the system to any third party during such period or an extension of that period if granted by Mountain Water Company.

Mountain Water Company is a Montana corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Park Water Company. It is conceivable that in the future Park Water Company may be involved in mergers, consolidations, reorganizations, restructuring, etc., which by their very nature would involve the stock and the assets of Mountain Water. This letter should not be interpreted to apply to any of such situations.

Respectfully submitted,

Arvid M. Hiller
Vice President and General Manager

H.H. Wheeler, Jr.
President

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c: Ms. Janet Stevens



MIKE KADAS

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September 17, 1997

H.H. Wheeler, Jr.
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Arvid M. Hiller
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Re: Water system serving North Reserve and lower Grant Creek

Dear Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Hiller:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the City Administration is supportive of Mountain Water Company's efforts to acquire Mr. Chuck Isaly's interest in the water system serving the north Reserve and lower Grant Creek areas. If Mountain Water Company is successful in acquiring Mr. Isaly's interest in the water system, the City Administration would be supportive of transferring the water system's infrastructure to Mountain Water Company pursuant to § 7-12-4130, MCA.

That support is based on the fact that Mountain Water Company is an established, recognized, public water utility in Missoula, is currently the community expert with respect to the operation of water systems and is effectively operating its water system. Further, our support of this transfer is based on the commitments outlined in your letter to me of August 14, 1997. Specifically, in relation to any sale of Mountain Water Company:

It is recognized that in such an event, it would be necessary for the City to have a reasonable time to determine whether it wished to purchase the system, and as a consequence, the City may anticipate being granted a minimum of 90 days after the notice of the Company's intention to sell and the Company agrees that it would not sell the system to any third party during such period or an extension of that period if granted by Mountain Water Company.

I appreciate this commitment. In addition, I want to be clear that the City of Missoula Administration does desire to acquire ownership of the entire

Mountain Water Company system serving the Missoula community. In the event that Mountain Water Company is ever for sale we would very much appreciate the opportunity to enter into an assessment of the system and negotiations for purchase.

In the mean time we wish you well in your assessment of the Valley West water system.

Sincerely,



Mike Kadas
Mayor

pc: Janet Stevens, Chief Administrative Officer; Bruce Bender, Public Works Director; Jim Nugent, City Attorney; Mountain Water Company File

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Dear Mayor Kadas:

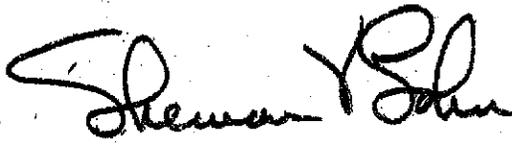
Enclosed is a letter written to you by Mr. Hiller dated August 14, 1997. After reviewing the letter, it has occurred to me that some clarification needs to be made.

Mountain Water Company is a Montana corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Park Water Company. It is conceivable that in the future Park Water Company may be involved in mergers, consolidations, reorganizations, restructuring, etc., which by their very nature would involve the stock and the assets of Mountain Water. Mr. Hiller's letter should not be interpreted to apply to any of such situations.

If you desire any further explanation of this letter or Mr. Hiller's letter, do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

GARLINGTON LOHN & ROBINSON PLLP

By 
 Sherman V. Lohn

SVL/jlf
 c: Janet Stevens

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