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RE: Groom Creek Water Users Association

Docket Number: W-01865A-07-0385 + W-01865A-07-0385

Dear Commissioner Mayes:

We have a cabin which has been in my family since the late 1960's. Our children have spent many wonderful summers up there with their grandparents and now our grandchildren are coming up to enjoy the time in the woods with us. We hope to pass on this cabin to our children and grandchildren some day.

Before I state the purpose of this letter, you do need to know that my husband Kal Miller is on the Board of Directors of the Groom Creek Water Users Association. He serves as secretary and I am the editor of the newsletter that goes out to everyone in the Groom Creek community. We have attended all the ACC hearings on our requested rate increase, I have spoken during the public comment period, and Kal has been called as a witness by the ACC staff lawyer. He has also worked closely with Gordon Fox, ACC staff analyst, over the past year on this project.

During the hearing held Monday, July 21, 2008 at the commission office the Association's engineering representative and the ACC Utilities engineer, Mr. Marlon Scott both talked about the transite piping that is being used in our 30 to 50 year old water distribution system. We have had many leaks and breaks over the years and it came out yesterday during the meeting that when transite pipes break there is the possibility of asbestos leaking into the water system. Not only is there the possibility of asbestos in our system during breaks, but there is also rusty black iron pipe and natural gas valves being used as water shutoff valves. I find this very disturbing and agree with both engineers that our system must be replaced as soon as possible. I do not want to take the risk of my children or grandchildren ingesting asbestos or other contaminants these transite pipes may dislodge if broken. In order to replace the water distribution system the ACC must approve the new water rates that the ACC Staff has recommended or this project cannot be completed.

I urge you to consider the rate increase in spite of the opposition's letters you may receive from some members of our community. Only two interveners have actually attended the hearings and they were opposed to the rate increase.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara and Kal Miller