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Comments to Law Judge Marc Stern's recommendation dated August 7, 2008

Page 6, item 21, the 7<sup>th</sup> bull point states; "that the company's standpipe service not be reinstated until further Order by the Commission".

Bellemont Water Company does not understand why the standpipe should stay closed.

- 1) We have an abundance of water. The winter had great snow pack. The summer monsoons have been heavy. The water table is 20' below ground level.
- 2) We have a track record of monitoring our water supply and in 19 years, our metered customers have never been without water.
- 3) We are concerned about water quality especially in the warmer season of summer if we are not able to move our water. Per Marlin Scott's report on page 10 he has graphed out the water use per customer, per day. June has an average use of 248 gallons per day; July is 401 gallons per day. August is 358 gallons per day. With only seven metered customers, if we turn our pumps off on June 1st with our 265,000 gallons of water storage full we would not have to turn the pumps back on until September 11<sup>th</sup>. That's 3 1/2 months to turn the water once in the summer months. Water that sits get stagnant. Water needs to be moved. (Currently we are only using our small 50 ft well and pumping only three days a week with a small pump)
- 4) Our wells have a river running through them. If we don't pump the water, it is not available later.
- 5) Why doesn't the Commission allow the standpipes to be opened, allow Bellemont Water Company to regulate them based on available water, and mandate that all revenues from the standpipes be put in a new deep well fund. That way Bellemont Water Company can establish a proven financial track record that would enable a bank to be willing to finance a deep well. We could get a deep well in now while we are not under drought conditions and be ready for when the weather cycles around and puts us in another drought.
- 6) The Commission keeps telling us to get a WIFA loan. We do not qualify for a WIFA loan. My understanding is that we don't have the right kind of customers.
- 7) Why should we be limited to selling 10% or less of our available water?
- 8) This process was started over 1-1/2 years ago. The situation has changed.

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