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New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
P.O. Box 1269
Albuquerque, NM 87504
Re: Case No. 18-00214-UT

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Christina Rios and I currently live in the Rosa Meadow Subdivision in Middle Mesa Township, NM. I am writing to you today as a homeowner and as a concerned citizen in regards to Case No. 18-00214-UT which was started July 13th of 2018, and is still ongoing as of this date.

I am aware that there are new people working at the NMPRC who are trying to take care of old business. This case is 5 years old now. The last time it was on the docket for an NMPRC Open Meeting was on November 18th, 2022. If you'd look at the minutes you'd find it as item #11. I'd like to specifically quote the minutes here:

“Chair Hall wondered if it should be turned over to the NMAG.

Mr. Fisk said they had discussed that in the past. He noted the transfer agreement was signed by the parties, but the two prerequisites were never completed. He recalled this case was only triggered by a consumer complaint. No fines have been paid. The recent order included forgiveness of the fines if the requirements were complied with.

Commissioner Maestas suggested he and Chair Hall work together to bring a proposed order as concluding actions and wrap up this case before the end of the year.

Mr. Fisk agreed with that. He would oppose a motion to reform the agreement.”

Before the end of the year? That was in 2022. This is the end of August 2023 and it's going to be the end of the year 2023 before you know it.

I'd like to know what's going on? Did Commissioner Maestas work with Russell Fisk on a new proposed order? When will there be concluding actions? When will this

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case be wrapped up? Did RJV complete the 2 prerequisites? Will it be turned over to the NMAG?

As stated in the November 18th, 2022 Minutes for the Open Meeting of the NMPRC:

“Mr. Fisk provided information regarding this matter to the Commission and stated there was no proposed order at this time. He briefly reviewed the history of this case and the problems associated with the attempt to get the water company transferred from Rosa Joint Ventures to become a mutual domestic association water system. Such a transfer would allow them to receive assistance with State money that would not violate the antidonation clause. The required applications to finish the transfer (to County and to State Engineer) were never filed.”

Until the transfer is complete, we (Sambrito Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association), cannot apply for State or Federal money that is available for non-profit organizations like ours. We have to own it. We know this is true because we tried. We've already lost out on one opportunity for a grant for this very reason.

So, where do we stand now? Has RJV completed the prerequisites required by the PRC? If not, then what will the PRC do? Certainly, doing nothing is not a choice, is it? The Order Adopting Certification of Stipulation dated June 15th, 2021 was signed, (Document #1203349). The NMPRC is to watch over the case until it's completion. Here it is over 2 years later. Meanwhile, the water system is old and in need of maintenance and attention and, it's only getting older as we wait.

I am writing to be a voice and a face behind the story and drama of a case number; to ask for your help and support on behalf of all the 80+ souls that live here in my neighborhood. I'm writing to ask that the PRC help us by enforcing its current Orders; to ask the PRC to compel RJV to faithfully complete the requirements of the approved Stipulation.

Although I certainly have good reason to throw down a victim card for having been given the assurance of a reliable delivery system of potable water by Jean Phelps of RJV before I was willing to sign the paperwork for my home, only to find out a different truth later, I'm not willing to be a victim. What has happened, I cannot change, so I want to move on toward the next right thing which is that which I can change. That, however, is out of my hands as we wait for the NMPRC to wrap this case up. I am only one of many who live here who have need of good potable water, a reliable delivery and septic system. We are beyond ready for that to happen.

Speaking for myself, I don't know how it's going to work out for us here. I do know

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that the people here need it to work, for what kind of future do we face if it all falls to pieces? It's unthinkable to even consider. So, I put my hope in something better, albeit unknown. This is not an easy situation for anyone here to deal with. But, I'm willing to try and others here are willing to try. I believe that IF it can be done, IF it's considered to be feasible and not beyond our grasp, well then, let us get to it. But, please, don't let us be forgotten! We are the ones who suffer the inconvenience of a faulty water system and the health risks too.

We all come from different places, have traveled many years and miles to land here together. Even though I haven't lived here long, it's been long enough to know that I'm in an great community of good, kind, caring people. These problems with the water delivery system are frustrating and ongoing, for 5 years now. Somehow, we need for this case to move along, to get it out of this limbo of non-action where we wait for months and years wondering what's going to happen. It's time now for change. We need hope for a better and healthier future for our little community. This can only happen if the PRC enforces its current Orders.

I'm thankful that the PRC oversees public safety. I understand it is no small effort to do so on our behalf. I am asking that you, please, help us by following up on this case, for we are the ones who have to endure the loss of house water as yet more leaks are discovered in an inadequate system in need of attention. Imagine not being able to shower before work or school, needing to bring in water from barrels to flush toilets, trying to clean up after a child is sick and you have to boil water on the stove, caring for your aging parents with an added inconvenience of dealing with loss of water to do laundry and dishes, and always remembering to set aside water just in case.

Thank you, for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Christina Rios

P.S. After sharing this letter with some of my neighbors, they expressed the desire to be heard as well so, I have included their signatures and information on the attached page(s).