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**Re: DW 16-257 Bow Lake Estates Water Works
Request for Show Cause
Imposition of Fine for Failure to Comply with a Commission Order**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On May 26, 2016, the Commission held a prehearing conference in this docket, and on August 1, 2016, the Commission issued Order No. 25,931. That order imposed a conditional fine of \$10,000 on the owner of Bow Lake Estates Water Works, Inc. (Bow Lake), Mr. Stanley Oliver. This fine was to be suspended if Bow Lake filed with the Commission, no later than October 1, 2016, a signed purchase and sale agreement selling the Bow Lake public utility franchise to a qualified buyer. No agreement was filed by that date, and no agreement has been filed subsequently. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission make demand for payment of the \$10,000 fine.

Leading up to the October 1 date, Staff had been told that a letter of intent had been executed between Bow Lake and another currently franchised public water utility. Staff has not seen any such document and does not believe one exists, or one that has been executed. Further, Staff has had two telephone conversations with Mr. Oliver's attorney since the October 1 date, and those conversations have produced no commitment on the part of Bow Lake to comply with the Commission's order to seek a buyer. Staff therefore believes that demand should be made for the fine, and that the Commission take any other action as it deems appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark A. Naylor".

Mark A. Naylor

Director, Gas & Water Division

Cc: Bow Lake Estates Water Works

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