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Re: Aloha Utilities, Inc.; Docket No. 960545-WS Water Quality Investigation <u>Our File No. 26038.17</u>

Dear Ralph:

I am writing as promised, to let you know the position of Aloha Utilities, Inc. relative to the Motion for Continuance filed by the Office of Public Counsel relative to the upcoming hearings in this case. Aloha will not file a formal response to the Citizen's Motion. Therefore, I am filing this letter to let you know our position in that regard.

While Aloha would much prefer to have the hearings as originally scheduled on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of December, or to have the case heard even on the alternative dates of December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> rather than delay this matter further, we will not oppose the Citizen's Motion. We do note that further delay simply increases the cost of this proceeding that will ultimately be borne by the Utility's customers, and that is our primary concern with further delay.

If you have any questions in this regard, please let me know.

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