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To: Bird, Rob

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Associate Water Judge Applicants

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To who it may concern:

I, William C. Mancoronal from Dillon, Montana am sending this e-mail in strong support of Bina Peters as Associate Water Judge for the Montana Water Court.

Over several years, Bina has represented me in multiple cases relating to the re-adjudication of the Marias River Basin 41P and the Beaverhead River Basin 41B. Bina always conducted herself in a very professional and respectful but firm manner toward the opposing parties and attorneys. She always did extensive research to obtain the proper facts that would lead to a satisfactory and fair outcome for all the parties involved. Bina has vast knowledge of numerous cases tried and supported by various aspects of water law. During mediation she was always very well prepared and had clear documentation to support a firm but fair agreement between the parties involved.

Bina's strongest assets are efficiency and promptness. I always felt her billing statements were quite detailed and the billed hours were very fair. She always had the utmost communication with me concerning aspects and proceedings in my cases. I am not able to recall any instance that Bina was late or missed a deadline.

Over the several years of private practice, Bina has worked multiple cases involving several parties. Her knowledge of Montana Water Law is quite extensive and she knows the frustration her clients experience when legal agreements are made but not reinforced and carried out.

I feel Bina Peters, with all her extensive involvement and experience in Montana Water Law would be a very valuable addition to the Montana Water Court.

Sincerely, William C. Mancoronal 82 N. Lane Dillon, Mt. 59725