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Here is a response for Tina Erickson (La Crosse Water Utility)

Based on the information that you provided, it is Commission staff's opinion that:

- 1) The current water lateral situation described by Tina Erickson does not comply with PSC policy because the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are separate parcels served by the same lateral, and they don't have a condo association or central authority that administers the "water system" downstream of the curb stop. Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 185.52(2)(b) Single Connections states: "A customer's lateral shall be directly connected to utility-owned facilities, and there shall be no other customer connection downstream from the utility's shut-off valve. This does not apply to multi-occupancy premises, such as apartments, condominiums, and shopping centers." It is PSCW staff's position that PSC 185.52 exempts multi-occupancy premises because it assumes that these forms of ownership have a central authority that takes responsibility for the maintenance/repair of the water lateral/piping downstream of the cutoff valve.
- 2) [REDACTED] should be made aware that unless their building has a condo association, then any newly created parcels will require their own water lateral and curb stop. Any new apartments (no newly created parcels) will have to have separate shutoffs located in a utility room with 24-hour access by the water utility, unless [REDACTED] wants to have the new apartments master metered.