

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)	
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AGATE WATER COMPANY)	PREHEARING
)	CONFERENCE
Requests a general rate increase in the)	REPORT
Company's revenues in the amount of)	
\$335,708, or 77.8 percent.)	

On April 28, 2005, a public comment open house meeting and prehearing conference were held at the Bend Senior High School in Bend, Oregon. Agate Water Company and Staff filed appearances.

Petitions to Intervene by Lawrence Riser and Jack Gassaway were filed and granted. The parties also agreed that the issues in this docket are standard rate issues, including revenues and expenses, proposed adjustments, rate of return, rate spread and design, rate base, capital improvements, fire protection, and adequacy of service.

The parties agreed to the following schedule, which I adopted at the conference:

Petitions to Intervene due	May 12, 2005
Settlement Conference (to be held in Bend, OR)	June 16, 2005
Deadline for Data Requests	June 27, 2005
Deadline for Responses to Data Requests	July 11, 2005
Staff & Intervenor Direct Testimony due	August 11, 2005
Evidentiary Hearing (to be held in Bend, OR)	August 25, 2005
Final Order Due	October 7, 2005

The dates for filing are considered "in-hand" dates. Data requests and responses are not to be filed with the filing center or given to the Administrative Law Judge. Staff will issue a notice for the settlement conference to interested persons and parties indicating the time and place of the conference. Finally, I refer the parties to the Administrative Hearings Procedures for contested case proceedings, located at www.puc.state.or.us under the heading "Commission Overview."

Dated this 29th day of April, 2005, at Salem, Oregon.

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge