

ISSUED: December 2, 2009

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UW 139

In the Matter of
WHISPERING PINES ESTATES WATER
Request for a General Rate Revision.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE
MEMORANDUM

A prehearing conference was held in this matter on November 30, 2009, at Shady Cove, Oregon. At the conference, Roy Stuart appeared on behalf of Whispering Pines Estates Water company (the Company), and AAG Jason Jones and Staff principal Renee Sloan appeared on behalf of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff.

Prior to the prehearing conference, the Commission convened a Public Comment Open House for customers of the water company. About 25 persons attended. Six customers filed petitions to intervene in this proceeding. Those Intervenors are: Bevan Ruschenberg, Spanky Cramer, Karen McMahon, Karyle A. Pasley, William Leffler, and Bob and Anna Bickford. As customers of the water company, each petitioner has a substantial interest in the case. Each of their petitions is granted, subject to the filing of a timely protest.¹

At the conference, the Commission Staff (Staff) presented a proposed schedule. Following a discussion among all parties, the schedule was slightly modified. The revised schedule is as follows:

Event	Date
Petitions to intervene due	December 21, 2009
Settlement Conference	January 15, 2010 (day)
Second Settlement Conference (tentative)	February 12, 2010
Staff and Intervenors Direct Testimony due	March 15, 2010
Company Rebuttal Testimony due	March 29, 2010
Deadline for Data Requests ²	March 30, 2010

¹ A few of the Petitions to Intervene are missing signatures. The Administrative Hearings Division (AHD) has mailed them to those Intervenors for their signature and return. AHD will serve the petitions on the docket service list on December 2, 2009. Objections, if any, would be due December 14, per OAR 860-013-0050.

² Data Requests and responses shall be between the parties only (Staff, the Company, and the Intervenors) and need not be filed with the Administrative Law Judge or the Commission's filing center.

Event	Date
Deadline for Data Responses	April 6, 2010
Hearing	April 9, 2010 (evening)
Commission Final Order Due	June 29, 2010
Tariff Suspension Ends	June 30, 2010

The schedule is ADOPTED.

The settlement conferences and hearing will be held in Shady Cove, Oregon. Staff shall provide notice of the settlement conferences to the parties. An official notice of hearing will issue closer to the hearing date, as needed.

Parties may refer to Commission's website for reference to the Administrative Hearings Division's procedures at: http://www.puc.state.or.us/PUC/admin_hearings/guidelines.shtml

Dated this 2nd day of December, 2009



Patrick Power
Administrative Law Judge