

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UW 172

In the Matter of Mountain Home Water)
District, Application for) AMENDED STIPULATION
General Rate Increase)

1 Mountain Home Water District. (Mt. Home or Company), appearing by and
2 through its attorney Jennie Bricker, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon
3 Staff (Staff), appearing by and through its attorney, Sommer Moser, Assistant
4 Attorney General, and intervenors Mel and Connie Kroker, appearing by and
5 through their attorney Peter Mohr, hereafter collectively referred to as the
6 Stipulating Parties, enter into this stipulation resolving all issues in this case.

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8 The Stipulating Parties support entering into evidence, without requiring any
9 Stipulating Party to lay a foundation for its admission, this Stipulation, Staff's
10 written Testimony in Support of the Stipulation (Exhibit Staff/300), and additional
11 supporting exhibits.

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13 The Stipulating Parties support and recommend the Commission adopt a
14 total revenue requirement of \$19,485, an increase of 777 percent over test year
15 revenues. Additionally, the Stipulating Parties agree that Mt. Home will have an
16 opportunity to earn an 8.9 percent rate of return on a total rate base of \$73,723.

1 The stipulated revenue requirement and adjustments are included for review as
2 Attachment A to this Stipulation.

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4 The Stipulating Parties agree to and support the rate of \$541.26 per month,
5 which is calculated based on providing service to three households on the system
6 at the time the rates from this docket are stipulated to go into effect: 1) the Krokors,
7 2) Dr. Ironside, and 3) Valerie Meyer.

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9 The Stipulating Parties agree that the replacement well is used and useful in
10 the provision of utility service, and that \$62,374 should be added to the Company's
11 rate base representing the prudent investment in the replacement well.

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13 The Stipulating Parties agree that each household using the system is entitled
14 to use water to irrigate an equal share of one half acre (i.e., if three customers are
15 served by the system, each customer will be able to irrigate 1/6 of an acre). The
16 Stipulating Parties agree that they will each designate an area of 1/6 acre or less as
17 their Designated Irrigation Area (DIA), submit a plat map including their DIA to Mt.
18 Home, and agree to restrict their irrigation to their DIA. Finally, the Stipulating
19 Parties also agree that failure to abide by this restriction is grounds for notice and
20 termination under OAR 860-036-1500, 1510, 1520, 1530, and 1670.

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The Stipulating Parties agree to and support rates being effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2018.

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The rates and regulations included in this Stipulation are premised on the commitment by the Krokors to drill their own well in 2018. The Stipulating Parties agree that once the Krokors have disconnected their water service from the Company, Mt. Home will no longer be a regulated utility under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

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The Stipulating Parties agree that the Company will not file a general rate case, in the event that the Krokors are unable to secure an alternative water source, until after December 31, 2018. The Stipulating Parties further agree that the Stipulation shall not be construed to restrict the positions of the parties on any issue included in this Stipulation in such a future rate case.

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The Stipulating Parties have negotiated this Stipulation in good faith and recommend that the Commission adopt the Stipulation in its entirety.

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The Stipulating Parties agree that the Stipulation represents a compromise in the positions of the Stipulating Parties. By entering into this Stipulation, no Stipulating Party shall be deemed to have approved, accepted, or consented to the

1 facts, principles, methods, or theories employed by any other Stipulating Party in
2 arriving at this Stipulation.

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4 The Stipulating Parties agree that without the written consent of all
5 Stipulating Parties, evidence of conduct or statements including, but not limited to,
6 term sheets or other documents created solely for use in settlement conferences in
7 this docket, and conduct or statements made at settlement conferences, are
8 confidential and not admissible in the instant or any subsequent proceeding,
9 unless independently discoverable or offered for other purposes allowed under
10 ORS 40.190.

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12 The Stipulating Parties have negotiated this Stipulation as an integrated
13 document. Accordingly, if the Commission rejects all or any material portion of this
14 Stipulation, or adds any material condition to any final order that is not consistent
15 with this Stipulation, each Stipulating Party reserves the right, upon written notice
16 to the Commission and all parties to this proceeding within 15 days of the date of
17 the Commission's final order, to withdraw from the Stipulation and to present
18 additional evidence and argument on the record. Nothing in this paragraph
19 provides any Stipulating Party the right to withdraw from this Stipulation as a result
20 of the Commission's resolution of issues that this Stipulation does not resolve.

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The Stipulating Parties understand that this Stipulation is not binding on the Commission in deciding Mt. Home's application for a general rate increase and does not foreclose the Commission from addressing any other issues.

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The Stipulating Parties are each responsible for their own costs and attorney fees incurred in these proceedings as well as in the preparation of this Stipulation.

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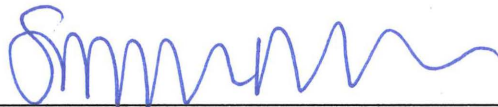
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This Stipulation may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be an original for all purposes, but all of which taken together will constitute one and the same agreement.

DATED this 20th day of March, 2018.



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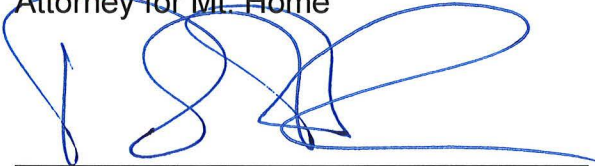
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Mountain Home Water District
Docket No. UW 172
Test Year: 2016

Company Proposed Increase
797.32%

Staff Proposed Increase
769.88%

Revenue Requirement

REVENUES		Test Year	Company Adjustments	Company Proposed Totals	Staff Adjustments to Company Totals	Staff Proposed Totals
460	Unmetered	2,240	17,860	\$ 20,100	\$ (615)	\$ 19,485
461.1	Residential			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
461.2	Commercial			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
462	Fire Protection Sales			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
465	Irrigation Water Sales			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
466	Water Sales for Resale			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
471	Miscellaneous Services			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
475	Cross Connection Control			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Other			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Revenue	\$ 2,240	\$ 17,860	\$ 20,100	\$ (615)	\$ 19,485

Acct . **OPERATING EXPENSES**

601	Salaries and Wages - Employees			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
603	Salaries and Wages - Officers			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
604	Employee Pension & Benefits			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
610	Purchased Water			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
611	Telephone/Communications			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
615	Purchased Power	1,673	7	\$ 1,680	\$ -	\$ 1,680
616	Fuel for Power Production			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
617	Other Utilities			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
618	Chemical / Treatment Expense			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
619	Office Supplies			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
619.1	Postage	7	(7)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
620	O&M Materials/Supplies			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
621	Repairs to Water Plant	69,717	(69,717)	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 400
631	Contract Svcs - Engineering			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
632	Contract Svcs - Accounting			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
633	Contract Svcs - Legal	66,275	(56,375)	\$ 9,900	\$ (8,700)	\$ 1,200
634	Contract Svcs - Management Fees			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
635	Contract Svcs - Testing	120		\$ 120	\$ 30	\$ 150
636	Contract Svcs - Labor	300	(300)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
637	Contract Svcs - Billing/Collection			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
638	Contract Svcs - Meter Reading			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
639	Contract Svcs - Other		5,400	\$ 5,400	\$ -	\$ 5,400
641	Rental of Building/Real Property			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
642	Rental of Equipment			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
643	Small Tools			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
648	Computer/Electronic Expenses			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
650	Transportation			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
656	Vehicle Insurance			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
657	General Liability Insurance			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
658	Workers' Comp Insurance			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
659	Insurance - Other			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
666	Amortz. of Rate Case			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
667	Gross Revenue Fee (PUC)			\$ -	\$ 58	\$ 58
670	Bad Debt Expense			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
671	Cross Connection Control Program			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
673	Training and Certification			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
674	Consumer Confidence Report			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
675	Miscellaneous Expense			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OE1	Contingency Account		3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ (3,000)	\$ -
OE2	Other Expense 2			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OE3	Other Expense 3			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

OE4	Other Expense 4			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OE5	Other Expense 5			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE		\$ 138,092	\$ (117,992)	\$ 20,100	\$ (11,212)	\$ 8,888

OTHER REVENUE DEDUCTIONS

403	Depreciation Expense			\$ -	\$ 2,332	\$ 2,332
406	Amort of Plant Acquisition Adjustment			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
407	Amortization Expense			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
408.11	Property Tax			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
408.12	Payroll Tax			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
408.13	Other			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
409.10	Federal Income Tax			\$ -	\$ 1,158	\$ 1,158
409.11	Oregon Income Tax			\$ -	\$ 545	\$ 545
409.13	Extraordinary Items Income Tax			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS		\$ 138,092	\$ (117,992)	\$ 20,100	\$ (7,176)	\$ 12,924
Net Operating Income		\$ (135,852)	\$ 135,852	\$ -	\$ 6,561	\$ 6,561

UTILITY RATE BASE

101	Utility Plant in Service			\$ -	\$ 77,969	\$ 77,969
105	Construction Work in Progress			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
108	- Accumulated Depreciation of Plant			\$ -	\$ 4,986	\$ 4,986
271	- Contributions in Aid of Construction			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
272	+ Accumulated Amortization of CIAC			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
281	- Accumulated Deferred Income Tax			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	- Excess Capacity			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
= NET RATE BASE INVESTMENT		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,983	\$ 72,983
Plus: (working capital)						
151	Materials and Supplies Inventory			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Working Cash (Total Op Exp /12)			\$ -	\$ 741	\$ 741
TOTAL RATE BASE		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,723	\$ 73,723
Rate of Return		0.00%		0.00%		8.90%

Mountain Home Water District
Docket No. UW 172
Test Year: 2016

Adjustment Summary

	Company Proposed Totals	Staff Adjustments to Company Totals	Staff Proposed Totals	Explanation of Adjustment
REVENUES				
Unmetered	\$ 20,100	\$ (615)	\$ 19,485	
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616 Fuel for Power Production	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
617 Other Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
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619 Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
619.1 Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
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621 Repairs to Water Plant	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 400	Based on new well in service 2016. Majority of infrastructure 1 year old.
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TOTAL RATE BASE	\$ -	\$ 73,723	\$ 73,723	
Rate of Return	0.00%	0.00%	8.90%	Used in latest two rate cases UW 169 and 170

Rate Design

Unmetered

Revenue Allocation: **19,485**

Allocated to Base Rates: 100.00%
 Allocated to Commodity Rates: 0.00%

Base Rates

Revenue Allocation: **19,485**

Meter Size	Customers	Factors	Customer Equivalency	% of Total	Revenue Allocation	Base Rate
Unmetered	3	1.0	3	100.00%	\$ 19,485	\$ 541.26
TOTAL	3		3	100.00%	\$ 19,485	

Commodity Rate

Revenue Allocation: -

Annual Consumption		Cubic Feet
Unit of Measurement	100	Cubic Feet
Annual Units of Consumption	-	Units

Commodity Rate: \$ - per unit

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Invested Plant

Acct No.	Account Description	Date Acquired	Utility Plant Orig Cost	Less Excess Capacity Adj to Plant	Total Adj Plant	NARUC Asset Life	Annual Deprec	Final Month of Deprec	2016	Accum. Deprec. Ending 2016	Remaining Plant
301	Organization	Various	-	-	-	-	-	Various	-	-	-
302	Franchises	Various	-	-	-	-	-	Various	-	-	-
303	Land and Land Rights	Various	-	-	-	-	-	Various	-	-	-
304	Structures and Improvements	Various	9,145	-	9,145	35	261	Various	174	174	8,971
	Pump House Rebuild	May 2016	9,145	-	9,145	35	261	Apr 2051	174	174	8,971
					-	35	-		-	-	-
					-	35	-		-	-	-
305	Collecting and Impounding Reservoirs	Various	-	-	-	50	-	Various	-	-	-
306	Lake, River and Other Intakes	Various	-	-	-	35	-	Various	-	-	-
307	Wells and Springs	Various	38,156	-	38,156	25	1,526	Various	1,145	1,145	37,011
308	Infiltration Galleries and Tunnels	Various	-	-	-	25	-	Various	-	-	-
309	Supply Main	Various	9,099	-	9,099	50	182	Various	163	1,061	8,038
	New lines to pump house	Apr 2016	3,866	-	3,866	50	77	Mar 2066	58	58	3,808
	Pressure tanks	Jun 2007	5,233	-	5,233	50	105	May 2057	105	1,003	4,230
					-	50	-		-	-	-
					-	50	-		-	-	-
310	Power Generation Equipment	Various	3,049	-	3,049	30	102	Various	102	296	2,753
	New drive	Feb 2014	3,049	-	3,049	30	102	Jan 2044	102	296	2,753
					-	30	-		-	-	-
					-	30	-		-	-	-
					-	30	-		-	-	-
311	Pumping Equipment	Various	16,307	-	16,307	20	815	Various	675	1,738	14,569
	New Pump	Apr 2016	11,210	-	11,210	20	561	Mar 2036	420	420	10,790
	Pump controller	Jun 2012	3,935	-	3,935	20	197	Jun 2032	197	902	3,033
	Booster pump	Jul 2010	649	-	649	20	32	Jun 2030	32	211	438
	Clamp supports	Jan 2009	513	-	513	20	26	Dec 2028	26	205	308

Invested Plant, cont.

320	Water Treatment Equipment	Various	-	-	-	20	-	Various	-	-	-
330	Distribution Reservoir and Standpipes	Various	-	-	-	50	-	Various	-	-	-
331	Transmission and Distribution Mains	Various	-	-	-	50	-	Various	-	-	-
333	Services	Various	-	-	-	30	-	Various	-	-	-
334	Meters and Meter Installations	Various	-	-	-	20	-	Various	-	-	-
335	Hydrants	Various	-	-	-	40	-	Various	-	-	-
336	Cross Connection Control	Various	-	-	-	15	-	Various	-	-	-
339	Other Plant	Various	2,213	-	2,213	30	74	Various	74	572	1,641
	Sounding tube	Apr 2009	2,213		2,213	30	74	Mar 2039	74	572	1,641
					-	30	-		-	-	-
					-	30	-		-	-	-
					-	30	-		-	-	-
340	Office Furniture and Equipment	Various	-	-	-	20	-	Various	-	-	-
341	Transportation Equipment	Various	-	-	-	7	-	Various	-	-	-
343	Tools, Shop, and Garage Equipment	Various	-	-	-	15	-	Various	-	-	-
344	Laboratory Equipment	Various	-	-	-	15	-	Various	-	-	-
345	Power Operated Equipment	Various	-	-	-	10	-	Various	-	-	-
346	Communication Equipment	Various	-	-	-	10	-	Various	-	-	-
347	Electronic/Computer Equipment	Various	-	-	-	5	-	Various	-	-	-
348	Miscellaneous Equipment	Various	-	-	-	10	-	Various	-	-	-
TOTALS		Various	77,969	-	77,969	Various	2,960	Various	2,332	4,986	72,983

Original Plant In Service Cost	77,969
Less: Excess Capacity	-
"Used & Useful" Plant	77,969
Less Accum Depreciation	4,986
NET PLANT	72,983

Depreciation Expense	2,332
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