

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**
2 **OF OREGON**

3 UW 166

4 In the Matter of
5 ROATS WATER SYSTEM, INC.,
6 Request for a General Rate Revision.

MOTION TO ADMIT
AMENDED STIPULATION

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8 The Public Utility Commission or Oregon Staff (Staff) respectfully requests that the
9 attached Amended Stipulation be admitted to the UW 166 record and requests a Commission
10 decision adopting the Amended Stipulation. *See* OAR 860-001-0350(7)(b). In Order No. 17-
11 123, the Commission adopted two stipulations to set rates for Roats Water System, Inc. (Roats).
12 In the first Partial Stipulation, Roats and Staff (herein, Stipulating Parties) agreed that Roats
13 would file a general rate case “no later than three years and six months after a final order is
14 issued in this case, with a test year reflective of the Company’s most recent full fiscal year of
15 actuals.” The Commission issued its final order on March 29, 2017, making the latest date for
16 filing a general rate case under the terms of the first Partial Stipulation on or before September
17 29, 2020.

18 The Amended Stipulation simply requests an extension of the time period requiring Roats
19 Water System, Inc. (Roats) to file a rate case on or before September 29, 2020. All Stipulating
20 Parties agree to an extension for the filing of a general rate case until January 1, 2021, due to the
21 requirements that the City of Bend has put on Roats to complete certain water infrastructure
22 projects.

23 The Stipulating Parties have conferred with intervenors, who were not signatories to the
24 case but were active in the proceeding and received general support for the extension from the
25 intervenors. Staff had not received an objection from any party as of the date of this filing.

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9 Roats Water System, Inc. (Roats or the Company), appearing by and through its
10 authorized representative, William Roats, and the Public Utility Commission Staff (Staff)
11 appearing by and through its attorney, Jill Goatcher, Assistant Attorney General agree to amend
12 the Partial Stipulation filed on December 13, 2017.¹ The Parties agree that Paragraph 5,
13 Subsection B of the first Partial Stipulation should be amended. It states:

14 Roats will file a general rate case no later than three years and six months after a
15 final order is issued in this case, with a test year reflective of the Company's
most recent full fiscal year of actuals.

16 The Commission issued its final order in this case on March 29, 2017. Therefore,
17 Paragraph 5 requires the Company to file a general rate case no later than September 29, 2020.
18 The Parties agree that the Company should be granted an extension until January 1, 2021,
19 approximately three months from the date originally designated in the first Partial Stipulation, to
20 file a general rate case due to extenuating circumstances. The Company has stated that it needs
21 additional time to prepare for the general rate case filing due to requirements the Company has
22 from the City of Bend to complete water infrastructure projects. These projects have led to a
23 decrease in the resources available to the Company that are necessary to prepare the general rate
24 case. As a result, the Company should not be required to file a general rate case before January

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26 ¹ Staff originally filed the first Partial Stipulation on December 6, 2016, but due to technical
difficulties, refiled 9 (with new signature pages) the first Partial Stipulation on December 13,
2016 in its entirety.

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The Parties understand that this Amended Stipulation does not impact any other facet of the Commission’s Order No. 17-123 and does not foreclose the Commission from addressing issues in future proceedings.

DATED this 22nd day of September 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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DATED this 22 day of September 2020.



William Roats
Roats Water System, Inc.