## PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON STAFF REPORT **PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 10, 2015**

CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE March 11, 2015 REGULAR

DATE:

February 24, 2015

TO:

**Public Utility Commission** 

FROM:

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THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Bryan Conway, and Bruce Hellebuy

**SUBJECT:** NORTHRIDGE WATER COMPANY: (Advice No. 15-11)

Changes certain rates in the Miscellaneous Service Charges tariff.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the tariff sheet filed be allowed to go into effect.

## **DISCUSSION:**

With this filing, Northridge Water Company (Northridge) proposes to make changes to four fees listed in its Miscellaneous Service Charges Tariff Sheet No. 4. Northridge is one of seven rate-regulated subsidiaries of Hiland Water Corporation (Hiland).

Hiland states that the reason for the proposed changes is to make certain Miscellaneous Service fees consistent across all Hiland companies. Hiland asserts that consistent treatment across all rate-regulated water companies will greatly ease the administration of these charges.

The proposed changes are summarized below:

			Amount	
	Current	Proposed	of	Percent
Service	Rate	Rate	Change	Change
Returned-Check Charge	At Cost	\$25.00	N/A	N/A
Disconnection Charge	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$5.00	16.67%
Reconnection Charge (normal hours)	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$(5.00)	-16.67%
Disconnect Field-Visit	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$10.00	40.00%

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Staff has reviewed the proposed fees. The proposed fees are similar to those charged by other rate-regulated water utilities for the same services. Staff believes Northridge's proposed charges are just and reasonable.

This filing was submitted on February 5, 2015, and thus complies with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 759.220, which requires tariff changes to be filed with the Commission at least 30 days prior to their effective dates.

This filing will have a negligible effect on annual revenues.

## PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The Northridge tariff proposed in Advice No. 15-11 be allowed to go into effect.

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