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Via Electronic Filing and U.S. Mail

OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION ATTENTION: FILING CENTER PO BOX 2148 SALEM OR 97308-2148

RE: <u>Docket No. UW 152/UI 324</u> – In the Matter of AIR ACRES WATER SYSTEM Request for a General Rate Revision and Application for Approval of Affiliated Interest Agreement with Dan Roach.

Enclosed for electronic filing in the above-captioned docket is Staff's Testimony in Support of Stipulation in Docket UW152/UI 324.

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November 20, 2012

Filing Center
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capitol Street, NE
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Re: UW 152

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and five copies of a Stipulation resolving all issues in this case between the Stipulating Parties, which include Staff, the applicant (Roth Development, Inc./Air Acres Water System), and three of the four intervening customers. Also enclosed are the original and five copies of the supporting testimony of Staff witness Brittany Andrus, a the original and one copy of a motion to submit the Stipulation and supporting testimony into evidence with the affidavit of Brittany Andrus attesting to the truthfulness of her testimony appended.

The Stipulation has been executed by Staff and Dan Roach (on behalf of Roth Development, Inc./Air Acres Water System). The other three stipulating parties are currently unavailable and have not yet signed the Stipulation. Staff will submit their signature pages when they return from vacation and are available to sign.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Stephanie S. Andrus

Senior Assistant Attorney General

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# PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UW 152/ UI 324

STAFF TESTIMONY OF

**BRITTANY ANDRUS** 

In the Matter of
AIR ACRES WATER SYSTEM
Request for a General Rate Revision and
Application for Approval of Affiliated Interest
Agreement with Dan Roach.

**November 20, 2012** 

CASE: UW 152/UI 324

WITNESS: BRITTANY ANDRUS

# PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

### **STAFF EXHIBIT 100**

Direct Testimony

In Support of the Stipulation

**November 20, 2012** 

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- 2 ADDRESS.
- 3 A. My name is Brittany Andrus. My business address is 550 Capitol Street NE,
- 4 Suite 215, Salem, Oregon 97301-2551.
- 5 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE.
- 6 A. Please see Exhibit 102.
- 7 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?
- 8 A. Staff testimony introduces and supports the Stipulation agreed to by the
- 9 Stipulating Parties in Docket UW 152.
- 10 Q. HOW IS YOUR TESTIMONY ORGANIZED?
- 11 A. Staff testimony is organized as follows:
- 12 Issue 1: Air Acres Description and Regulatory History
- 13 Issue 2: The Proposed Filing
- 14 Issue 3: Staff's Analysis of the Company's Filing
- 15 Issue 4: Customer and Affiliated Interest Concerns
- 16 Issue 5: Summary of the Stipulation
- 17 18
- Q. WHO ARE THE PARTIES IN THIS DOCKET?
- 19 A. The parties in this docket are Roth Development and Air Acres Water System
- 20 (the Company), Commission Staff (Staff), Jim Weltman and Tanya Wylder
- 21 (Intervener), Diane Fogg (Intervener), and Dennis Wittenberg (Intervener). The
- 22 "Stipulating Parties" are Roth, Staff, Jim Weltman and Tanya Wylder and Diane
- Fogg.

#### 1 ISSUE 1: THE COMPANY'S DESCRIPTION AND REGULATORY HISTORY

#### Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ROTH DEVELOPMENT AND AIR ACRES

#### 3 WATER SYSTEM.

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- 4 A. Roth Development owns Air Acres; however, Air Acres is not a separate entity.
- 5 Roth Development built Air Acres 1 in 1969. A second set of homes was added
- 6 in the early 1970s. Air Acres now consists of 18 developed lots, an adjacent air
- 7 strip, and the water system, which originally served 17 of the 18 households.
- 8 Roth Development still owns two lots, which contain the airstrip and much of
- 9 the water system.
- The water source is an exempt-use well, which allows for the withdrawal of
- 11 15,000 gallons of water per day for domestic use, and one-half acre of
- irrigation. Within the last 18 months, three customers have drilled their own
- wells, leaving 14 customers currently served by the Company.

#### 14 Q. HOW DID THE COMPANY BECOME A RATE-REGULATED PUBLIC

#### WATER UTILITY?

- A. On June 14, 2011, the Company notified its customers that it was increasing its
- 17 rates from a variable rate of \$1.90 per thousand gallons to \$2.40 and a monthly
- base rate of \$30 to \$40, which exceeded the Commission-established threshold
- of \$36 average monthly residential rate for metered systems as found in
- OAR 860-036-0030. On July 25, 2011, Staff received adequate and sufficient
- 21 customer petitions requesting rate regulation to meet the 20 percent petition
- requirement. The Commission asserted jurisdiction on September 7, 2011, in
- Docket WJ 29 under Order No. 11-343. This order required the Company to

extension granted on November 15, 2011 (Order No. 11-455); an extension to February 13, 2012 granted on December 7, 2011 (Order No. 11-488); and a 60-day extension granted on February 10, 2012 (Order No. 12-036). These extensions were requested in light of the fact that the Company was in negotiations with the homeowners association to transfer ownership of the two lots containing the air strip and the water system. The Company attempted to file its application electronically on April 11, 2012, but this initial application was not received; however, it successfully refiled its application on April 17, 2012. The Commission suspended the tariff sheets for a period of nine months from the proposed tariff effective date. The suspension period ends on February 17, 2013 (Order No. 12-147).

### ISSUE 2, ROTH DEVELOPMENT AND AIR ACRES' PROPOSED FILING

#### Q. PLEASE PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE COMPANY'S FILING.

A. The Company filed for an increase in revenues from \$18,670 (including surcharges) to \$29,541. The proposed base rate increase is from \$30.00 to \$40.00. The proposed variable rate increase is from \$0.0019 to \$0.0140 per gallon for the first 5,999 gallons, and the application proposes a second variable rate tier at \$0.017 per gallon.

The Company proposed adjustments to add certain operating expenses that were at zero in the test year. These include Rental of Building/Real Property, and Contract Services - Legal Fees. In addition, the Company proposed significant increases in three categories: Management Fees (+400 percent),

1	Repairs to Water Plant (+39.9 percent), and Contract Services -
2	Billing/Collection (+38.9 percent). Other operating expense categories
3	contained significant decreases: Purchased Power decreased by
4	42.4 percent from the test year; Contractual Services – Engineering
5	decreased from \$1,507 to \$0; and Miscellaneous Expenses decreased
6	89.9 percent.
7	The company's application listed Utility Plant totaling \$79,431 with no
8	accumulated depreciation or Contributions in Aid of Construction. The
9	Company requested a 12 percent return on rate base.
10	Q. WHAT TEST YEAR PERIOD DID THE COMPANY USE IN ITS
11	APPLICATION?
12	A. The Company used the test year period January 1, 2011, through December
13	31, 2011.
14	Q. WHAT REASONS DID THE COMPANY GIVE FOR SEEKING A RATE
15	INCREASE?
16	A. According to its application, "The utility is seeking this change in rates because
17	expected revenue will not cover expected expenses."
18	ISSUE 3: STAFF'S ANALYSIS OF THE COMPANY'S FILING
19	Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY UNIQUE ASPECTS TO THIS APPLICATION.
20	A. Two factors in this filing presented special challenges. First, customers have
21	been paying a base and variable charge to cover some expenses of the water
22	system, while other ongoing expenses and capital improvements were billed to
23	customers as ad hoc surcharges. The surcharges were simply totaled up and

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divided by the number of customers to which the charges were applicable. For example, water system expenses were divided by the number of customers on 3 the water system at that time, and air strip expenses were divided by the total 4 number of residents (air strip expense surcharges are not factored into the water system revenue requirement). This historical billing practice made it 6 difficult to compare current rates to proposed rates, since the current rates 7 were not the total amounts being charged. 8 The second major difficulty was the valuation of utility plant. Original cost documentation was unavailable. Staff used a combination of information from the Company, the system operator, and customers to construct an estimate of the current depreciated utility plant. Q. WHAT WERE THE OVERALL RESULTS OF STAFF'S REVIEW OF 13 **ROTH'S PROPOSED RATE INCREASE?** 14 Staff made several adjustments to expenses and to utility plant as described below. Test year usage and revenues were adjusted to reflect the reduction in the number of customers. Q. DID STAFF MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE COMPANY'S TEST PERIOD **REVENUES AND EXPENSES?** A. Yes, the adjustments are described below. 20 Revenues Staff recreated customer billings using actual meter readings and the current base and variable rates, and the total (\$10,153) came to within three dollars of 23 the amount shown on the Company's application (\$10,156). However, this did

not account for all of the revenue from customers because the Company periodically surcharged customers for capital expenditures as well as recurring expenses. Staff constructed a "proxy" test year revenue of \$14,731, which included revenue from base and variable rates of \$10,153, plus recurring surcharges for water testing, property taxes, insurance, and the Drinking Water Program annual fee, plus an assumed amortization of capital costs. When using this proxy revenue, the Company's \$29,541 proposed revenue requirement represents an increase of 100.5 percent above the test year. In addition, Staff adjusted the test year revenues to account for customers who have drilled their own private wells and are therefore no longer water system customers.

#### Expenses

- Telephone/Communications: No expenses were listed for the test year. Staff added \$108 for this expense category.
- Purchased Power: Staff reduced electricity costs based on lower usage due
   to a reduced number of customers.
  - Chemical/Treatment Expense: Staff increased this expense based on updated information on the rate of use from the operator and the Company.
  - Office Supplies & Postage: No expenses were listed for the test year. Staff added \$100 for this expense category.
  - 5. Repairs: The Company proposed \$3,952 for repairs. Staff determined that repair costs from the test year were capital improvements, and moved to Utility Plant. Given the fact that this is an older water system, Staff believes that anticipating repair expenses is appropriate. A review of the repair

expense amounts included in approved revenue requirements in recent years for other small water systems yielded results ranging from \$20 to \$174 per customer. The stipulated repair expense of \$1,050 is derived based on \$75 per customer.

- 6. Contract Services, Engineering: Staff concurred with the Company adjustment to remove the \$1,507 in non-recurring expense from the test year.
- Contract Services, Accounting: Staff verified the hourly rate and added two hours for preparation of the PUC Annual Report, which is now required.
  - 8. Contract Services, Legal Fees: No legal expenses were reported for the test year. The Company proposed that \$700 be included in the revenue requirement. Staff declined this adjustment and leaves legal fees at zero.
  - 9. Contract Services, Management Fees: The Company proposed a management fee of \$6,000, to be paid by the water system to Roth Development, based on 200 hours per year at \$30 per hour. The test year management fee expense was \$1,500. Staff first reviewed the proposed hourly rate by assessing the duties, which are comparable to a combination of administrative service manager and bookkeeper. Staff reviewed average hourly rates in Washington County for both positions and determined a weighted average rate of \$29.89, and therefore agreed that \$30 is a reasonable hourly rate. Staff then reviewed the management fees in recently approved revenue requirements for similarly-sized water systems, and reviewed the estimated average monthly level of effort outside the rate case.

The staff proposed expense is based on five hours per month at \$30 per hour, for a total of \$1,800 per year.

- 10. Contract Services, Testing: Staff obtained cost estimates for all periodic tests required by Oregon's Drinking Water Program and derived an annual average cost based on the required frequency. Nine tests of varying frequencies are currently required for this water system, e.g., a nitrate test is required yearly, a lead and copper test is required every three years, and an asbestos test is required every nine years.
- 11. Contract Services, Labor: This expense is for the services of a certified operator, Hiland Water, located in Newberg, Oregon. Staff increased this expense by 3.6 percent based on estimated contract costs.
- 12. Contract Services, Billing & Collection: These services are also performed by Hiland Water, and include monthly meter reading, preparation of bills, collection, and tracking of revenues. The Company requested an increase of \$840; Staff included an increase of \$540 based on estimates from Hiland.
- 13. Rental of Building/Real Property: The Company proposed rent of \$4,800 for the water system's use of the land on the two lots owned by Roth. Staff calculated an estimated per-acre value of the land using comparable property in the area and calculated a rental value for the square footage area of the pump house and storage tank, as well as a four foot wide clearance over the length of the distribution system on those lots. This resulted in an annual rent of \$1,960.

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14. General Liability Insurance: The Company currently allocates 25 percent of its general liability policy for the airstrip to the water system. Staff obtained a quote for a policy specific to a small water system and used that amount as the liability insurance expense.

- 15. Amortization of Rate Case Expenses: Staff estimated the Company's rate case expenses as a total of \$3,484, and included one third of those expenses in the revenue requirement, or \$1,161.
- 16. Gross Revenue Fee (PUC): Staff calculated based on revised revenue.
- 9 17. Federal and State Income Taxes: Allocated to Test Year at standard rates
   10 based on the revenue sensitive calculations.
- 11 18. Depreciation Expense: The 2011 depreciation expense of \$601 is calculated
   12 based on Staff's adjustments to utility plant as described below.

# Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY STAFF ADJUSTMENTS TO THE COMPANY'S UTILITY PLANT.

A. Staff reviewed information on the Company's rate application, researched property deeds, and consulted with the Company as well as the current operator of the system in order to develop an accurate estimate of total utility plant, and the portion of plant that is considered to be Contributions in Aid of Construction (CIAC). CIAC is plant paid for by a person or entity other than the utility. Since CIAC is not paid by the utility, the Commission does not allow the utility to recover the cost of CIAC.

Original cost records were unavailable for most of the utility plant due to the age of the system. Staff constructed an estimate using a combination of

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known capital expenditures in recent years (including the chlorinator, vault improvements, and pump house), and current replacement cost for the remaining components (well, storage tank and distribution system). The replacement cost estimates were adjusted back to the year they were installed (1969 for the well and distribution system, and 1990 for the storage tank), and then depreciated using the standard NARUC asset lives to the current year. Most of the original plant has been fully depreciated. The recent year capital improvements are all considered CIAC as they were paid for directly by customer surcharges. The resulting plant valuation is as follows: Original Plant in Service (excluding CIAC) \$36,898 **Accumulated Depreciation** \$26,383 Net Plant \$10,515 CIAC \$28,583

Q. IS IT STANDARD PRACTICE TO REMOVE CIAC FROM RATE BASE?

A. Yes. Oregon Administrative Rule 860-036-0756(3) specifically requires that CIAC be separated from utility plant and accounted for and depreciated on a separate schedule outside the ratemaking process.

## Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE STAFF'S OVERALL RECOMMENDED RATE DESIGN.

A. Staff recommended a relatively high base charge, and a two tier variable rate with the first 15,000 gallons per month at tier 1.

#### Q. WHAT IS STAFF'S RECOMMENDED BASE CHARGE?

A. Staff generally strives for an allocation of a water company's revenue generated by rates in which 60 percent is generated by the base rate, and 40 percent is generated by the variable rate. With current rates, assuming the non-capital surcharges as part of the base rates (because they are allocated equally to each customer), 74.6 percent of revenues are from base charges.

Because this is such a small water system, only a small portion of the costs vary with usage (mainly Purchased Power and Chemical/Treatment Expense, which are less than ten percent of operating expenses). The Intervenors expressed interest in having a signification portion of the fixed costs captured in the base charge. At the stipulated rate of \$78 per month, 67.1 percent of the revenues are captured in the base charge.

## Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW STAFF DETERMINED THE COMMODITY RATE.

A. The two tiers were developed by subtracting base charge revenues from the total revenue requirement. Then Staff made an assumption regarding future reductions in usage due to higher rates as well as restrictions on irrigation usage from the well by the Water Resources Department, of which the Company has notified its customers. The overall 17.8 percent annual assumed reduction in usage is based on a monthly cap of 32,840 gallons. The maximum usage for any customer in the test year was 94,024 gallons. Using these reduced consumption numbers, Staff constructed revenues based on a

1	Tier 1 of 0.0025 per gallon, as compared to the current variable rate of 0.0019
2	Tier 2 is set at 0.0095 per gallon above 15,000 gallons per month. The
3	Company, intervenors, and Staff recognize that it is difficult to predict what the
4	actual change in usage will be.

#### Q. WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON AVERAGE CUSTOMER BILLS?

A. Assuming the reduction in usage, the current number of customers, and a comparison to the proxy test year (including non-capital surcharges), this rate results in an average increase of 51.6 percent. The average increase of the Company's proposed rate is 129.3 percent.

#### **ISSUE 4, CUSTOMER AND AFFILIATED INTEREST CONCERNS**

#### Q. DID THE CUSTOMERS EXPRESS ANY CONCERNS?

A. Yes. Customers identified several concerns during the settlement conferences regarding the basis for covering expenses in the revenue requirement that they had not previously paid. These expenses include the Company's management fee, rent for the land the water system is on, and the return on total rate base. Another significant concern which is shared by the customers and the Company is the shrinking customer base. The Stipulating Parties support the agreement and as such these issues are resolved for purposes of this docket. After the settlement conferences, one customer conveyed a concern about water quality, which Staff passed on to the Company.

#### Q. DID ROTH REQUEST APPROVAL OF ANY AFFILIATED INTEREST

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A. Yes, on July 20, 2012 the Company filed an affiliated interest application for a contract between Roth Development and Dan Roach for management services.
This application was docketed as UI 324. On September 10, 2012, a ruling was issued that consolidated the dockets.
The management contract between Roth Development and Dan Roach specifies an hourly rate of \$30 per hour, not to exceed 200 hours per year. Staff agrees that it benefits customers to have Mr. Roach perform management activities due to his familiarity with the system; however, as noted in the Expenses section

#### **ISSUE 5: SUMMARY OF THE STIPULATION**

#### Q. DID THE PARTIES AGREE WITH STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION?

A. The Company and two of the three intervenors agree with and support Staff's recommendation.

above, Staff proposes a level of effort of 5 hours per month, or 60 hours per year.

## 16 Q. AFTER MAKING THE CHANGES, WHAT IS THE RESULTING REVENUE 17 REQUIREMENT AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES?

A. The Stipulating Parties agreed to a revenue requirement of \$19,534. This is an increase of 32.6 percent above the Company's test year revenues when adjusted to incorporate recurring expenses that were surcharged. Staff/101, Andrus/1 shows the stipulated revenue requirement. The Stipulating Parties also agreed that in addition to its return of expenses, the Company should have an opportunity to earn a 10.0 percent return on a rate base of \$11,949.

1	Staff/101, Andrus/3 shows the Company's cost of capital and revenue sensitive
2	factors.

#### Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE RATES AND RATE DESIGN AGREED TO IN

- 4 THE STIPULATION.
- A. The Stipulating Parties agreed to a base charge of \$78, a tier 1 variable charge
- of \$0.0025 per gallon up to 15,000 gallons, and a tier 2 variable charge of
- 7 \$0.0095 for usage above that amount.
- **Q. ARE THE RESULTING RATES FAIR AND REASONABLE?**
- 9 A. Yes.

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- 10 Q. DID THE STIPULATING PARTIES STIPULATE TO ANY OTHER ISSUES?
- 11 A. Yes, they stipulated to two additional items.
- 12 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE FIRST ADDITIONAL ITEM.
- 13 A. The Stipulating Parties support having the tariffs become effective for service
- rendered on and after January 21, 2013. This effective date coincides with the
- date the system operator will be reading the meters. The tariff filing is
- suspended until February 15, 2013.

#### 17 Q. WHAT IS THE SECOND ADDITIONAL STIPULATED ITEM?

- 18 A. The Stipulating Parties support a temporary monthly surcharge of \$19.35 for
- projected capital improvements to be included on customers' bills for the first
- full rate period in 2013, and the next twenty-three monthly bills issued to
- customers. These amounts will be account for separately, and the Company is
- prohibited from using the revenues for anything other than capital

- 1 improvements, including but not limited to, replacement of the 7.5 HP pump
- 2 and raising the wellhead above grade.

#### **Q. WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE STIPULATION?**

- 4 A. Staff recommends the Commission admit the Stipulation into the UW 152
- 5 record and adopt the Stipulation in its entirety.

### **Q. DID YOU PREPARE ANY EXHIBITS FOR THIS DOCKET?**

7 A. Yes. Staff/101 contains the following documents in support of Staff testimony:

8	Revenue Requirement	Staff/101, Andrus/1
9	Summary of Staff Adjustments	Staff/101, Andrus/2
10	Revenue Sensitive Costs	Staff/101, Andrus/3
11	Rate Design and Impact	Staff/101, Andrus/4
12	Plant and Depreciation	Staff/101, Andrus/5

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#### 14 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?

15 A. Yes.

CASE: UW 152/UI 324 WITNESS: BRITTANY ANDRUS

# PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

**STAFF EXHIBIT 101** 

**Exhibits in Support Of Direct Testimony** 

**November 20, 2012** 

Revenue Requirement Roth Development - Air Acres DOCKET NO. UW 152/UI 324 Test Year: 1/1/11 - 12/31/11

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		REVENUES		(4.5.5)			_						
		Residential Water Sales	10,156	(\$67) \$0		10,089	\$	29,541	\$	19,534			
3		Commercial Water Sales Irrigation -	0	\$0	\$								
		Irrigation - Golf Course	0		\$				-				
	471	0	0		\$	-							
6		Surcharges	8,514	(\$8,514)		-							
7		TOTAL REVENUE	18,670	(\$8,581)	\$	10,089	\$	29,541	\$	19,534			
8		ODERATING EVENUES					H						
		OPERATING EXPENSES Salaries and Wages - Employees	0	\$0	s		\$	-	\$	•			
11		Salaries and Wages - Officers	ő	\$0		-	\$	-	\$	-			
12		Employee Pension & Benefits	0	\$0	\$	-	\$	-	\$				
	610	Purchased Water	0				\$	-	\$				
		Telephone/Communications	0			108		-	\$		Added telephone expense		
15 16		Purchased Power Chemical / Treatment Expense	1,150 128			1,029 432		662 128			Adjusted based on usage of remaining 14 customers  Based on average 2 gal/mo @ \$18		
17		Office Supplies & Postage	120			100		- 120	\$		Added supplies and postage expense		
19		O&M Materials/Supplies	0			-	\$	-	\$				
									Г		Removed capital improvements from test year; assumed average		
20		Repairs to Water Plant	2,824	(\$1,774)		1,050	\$	3,952			per customer cost based on other small systems		
		Contract Svcs - Engineering	1,507	(\$1,507)			\$	- 424	\$		Non-recurring  Test year plus inflation adjustment plus 3 hours for annual report		
22		Contract Svcs - Accounting Contract Svcs - Legal	356 0	\$274 \$0		630	\$	431 700			Test year plus inflation adjustment plus 2 hours for annual report No legal expenses in test year		
24		Contract Svcs - Legal Contract Svcs - Management Fees	1,500			1,800		6,000			5 hours per month at \$30 per hour		
25	635	Contract Svcs - Testing	2,395	(\$895)		1,500	\$	2,395			Based on required tests and frequencies		
26	636	Contract Svcs - Labor	3,475	\$125	\$	3,600	\$	3,475	\$	3,600	Based on updated information from operator		
		Contract Svcs - Billing/Collection	2,160			2,700		3,000			Based on updated information from operator		
28		Contract Svcs - Meter Reading	0			-	\$	·····	\$				
		Contract Svcs - Other Rental of Building/Real Property	0			1,960	\$	4,800	\$		Rent based on sq ft, value and rate of return		
31	642	Rental of Equipment	Ö			- 1,500	\$	-4,000	\$		Trent based on sqrt, value and rate of retain		
32		Small Tools	0			-	\$	-	\$				
	648	Computer/Electronic Expenses	0				\$	-	\$				
34		Transportation	0			<del>.</del>	\$	<u>-</u>	\$				
		Vehicle Insurance	0			750	\$	-	\$		Constitution and Institution of State and Machiner		
36		General Liability Insurance Workers' Comp Insurance	950 0			750 -	\$	950	\$		Small water co. rate instead of airport liability		
38		Insurance - Other	0				\$		\$				
39		Public Relations/Advertising	Ō			-	\$	-	\$				
40		Amortz. of Rate Case	0			1,161	\$		\$		72 hours plus mileage, misc expense, and consultant (\$500)		
		Gross Revenue Fee (PUC)	29			25	\$	75			Based on revenue		
42		Water Resource Conservation	0		\$		\$		\$				
		Bad Debt Expense Training and Certification	0		\$	-	\$		\$				
		Miscellaneous (General) Expenses	1,285					130			Secy of state, water quality report, excise tax, DWP fee		
49		TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	17,759					26,698					
50					Γ		\$	26,698	\$	` -			
51		OTHER REVENUE DEDUCTIONS		<b></b>	+-		\$	•	\$				
52 53		Depreciation Expense Amortization Expense	0		\$		\$		\$				
53		Property Tax	347		5	211							
55		Payroll Tax	0		\$		\$		\$				
56	408	Other	0		\$	-	\$		\$				
		Oregon Income Tax	0							99	Assumed 6.6%		
		Federal Income Tax	18 106			(1,109)					Assumed 15%	···	
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65		Contributions in Aid of Const	0		\$		\$		\$			ļ	
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69		Plus: (working capital)	1		\$		\$						
70	151	Materials and Supplies Inventory	0	\$0	\$	-	\$	-	5	5 0			
71		Working Cash (Total Op Exp /12)	1,480				\$	2,225	5			ļ	
72		TOTAL RATE BASE	80,911					81,656	+\$			<u> </u>	
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	REVENUE S	ENSITIVE C	OSTS	COST	F CAPITAL			
						Capital		Weighted
Revenues			1.0000	DEBT		<u>Structure</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Cost</u>
				Bank	\$0	0%	0.00%	0.00%
O&M - Unc	ollectibles		0.0000	Bank	\$0	0%	0.00%	
Franchise I	-ees		0.0000	Other	\$0	0%	0.00%	<del></del>
OPUC Fee			0.0025		\$0			0.00%
Short-term	Interest		0.0000					
State Tax	cable Income		0.9975	EQUITY	\$10,515	100.00%	10.00%	
					\$10,515	100.00%		10.00%
State Incor	ne Tax @	6.60%	0.0658					
Federal Ta	xable Income		0.9317		,			
Federal Inc	come Tax @	15.00%	0.1397					
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Total Incor	ne Taxes		0.2056					
Total Reve	nue Sensitive	Costs	0.2081					
Utility Ope	rating Income		0.7919					
Net-to-Gro	ss Factor	,	1.2628					

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		Current		Compan	y Proposed	N/es	1545 SE4,1014 S	AGUSTELLER ON GER	
		Current		Oumpan	V 1 TOPOSCU				
6	E7 02	Base rate	\$	40.00	Base rate	\$	78.00	Base rate	
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				5,999	Threshold	16	PERSONAL PROPERTY	Threshold	
	1,774,930	Test year usage (gal)	1			17,	459,017		
		(current customers)	i				. 17.8%	Reduction from	
			ļ.					test year	
			1		Fixed %		hyberyhetessand	Fixed %	
				77%	Variable %		33%	Variable %	
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			\$	6,720	Fixed \$	\$	13,104	Property and the second	
				22,821	Tier 1 Variable \$	\$	2,645	Tier 1 Variable \$	
			l	-	Tier 2 Variable \$	\$	3,784	Tier 2 Variable \$	
\$	14,731	w/non-capital surcharges	\$	29,541	Revenue	\$	19,534	Revenue	
			_		Company %			Staff proposed	
				ompany	difference from	_	Staff	difference from	
	Usage	Current Bill	Ι	posed Bill	current bill		posed Bill	current bill	
	-	\$ 57.23	\$	40.00	-30%	\$	78.00	36%	
	500	\$ 58.18	\$	47.00	-19%	\$	79.25	36%	
	1,000	\$ 59.13	\$	54.00	-9%	\$	80.50	36%	
	1,500	\$ 60.08	\$	61.00	2%	\$	81.75	36%	
	2,000	\$ 61.03	\$	68.00	11%	\$	83.00	36%	
	2,500	\$ 61.98	\$	75.00	21%	\$	84.25	36%	
	3,000	\$ 62.93	\$	82.00	30%	\$	85.50	36%	
	3,500	\$ 63.88	\$	89.00	39%	\$	86.75	36%	
	4,000	\$ 64.83	\$	96.00	48%	\$	88.00	36%	
	4,500	\$ 65.78	\$	103.00	57%	\$	89.25	36%	
	5,000	\$ 66.73	\$	110.00	65%	\$	90.50	36%	
	5,500	\$ 67.68	\$	117.00	73%	\$	91.74	36%	
	6,000	•	\$	124.00	81%	\$	92.99	35%	
	6,500	\$ 69.58	\$	132.50	90%	\$	94.24	35%	
	7,000		\$	141.00	100%	\$	95.49	35%	
			\$	149.50	109%	\$	96.74	35%	•
	7,500	•	1		118%	\$	97.99	35%	
	8,000		\$	158.00		\$		35%	
	8,500		\$	166.50	127%	1	99.24		
	9,000		\$	175.00	135%	\$	100.49	35%	
	9,500		\$	183.50	144%	\$	101.74	35%	
E7557	10,000		\$	192.00	152%	\$	102.99	35%	A
	***************************************			200.50	160%	\$	104.24		Average 2011 usage: 10,565
	11,000			209.00	167%	\$	105.49		
	11,500		1 '	217.50	175%	\$	106.74		
	12,000			226.00	182%	\$	107.99		
	12,500		1	234.50	190%	\$	109.24		
	13,000			243.00	197%	\$	110.49		
	13,500			251.50	203%	\$	111.74 112.99		
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Cina	15,000	***************************************		285.50	229%	\$	120.21		I TOPOSCO NO STATE OF TOTAL STATE OF
	15,500 16,000			294.00	235%	\$	124.94		
	16,500			302.50		\$	129.66		ļ
	17,000			311.00		\$	134.39		
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	18,000					\$	143.84		
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	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	Accumu- lated Depreciate Ending 2012
301 C	Organization		Amana.		0	0	0		0
302 F	ranchises				0	0	0	hing iii	0
	and and Land Rights			I				·	
CIACI	Nater rights application \$3,643	Jan 2008	0		0	0	0	\$ 5,7 (5 a 6 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	0
	Structures and Improvements -illand est repl cost \$25K, adjusted to 1969 \$	Jan 1969	4,079	-1	4,079	35	117	Jan 2004	4,079
CIAC	DWP plan review \$750	Jan 2011	0		0	35 35	0	Jan 2046	0
	Pump house (included covered tractor parking) \$3,642	Jan 2007	0		0	35	0		0
305	Collecting and Impounding Reservoirs				0	50	0		0
306	Lake, River and Other Intakes					35	0		1 0
	Wells and Springs								
	Co. est repl cost \$12.6K; adjusted to 1969 \$	Jan 1969	2,056		2,056 0	25 25	82 0		2,056
308	Infiltration Galleries and Tunnels		1		1 0	25	0		0
309	Supply Main		1		1	50	. 0		0
310	Power Generation Equipment	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1				1,		
311	Pumping Equipment		1	il minimumin.i	0	30	] 0		0
	7.5 HP pump, per original receipt 1000 gal pressure tank \$2,764	Sep 1988 Jan 2007	4,500		4,500 0	20	225		4,500
	Test ports (well water and pressure tanks) \$150	Jan 2009	0		0	20	0	Dec 2028	0
000	W-1	 			0.	20	1		0
	Water Treatment Equipment Chlorinator - \$4,332 orig cost; all CIAC	Nov 2010	0		0	20		Oct 2030	0
		<u> </u>		1 - 11 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1	0	20	<u> </u>		0
330	Distribution Reservoir and Standpipes 10,000 gal storage tank; repl cost \$20K, adj to 1990 s	Jan 1990	15,279	J	15,279	50	306		
331	Transmission and Distribution Mains		1		0	50	<u> </u>	) [	0
	Hiland est repl cost \$89.4K, adjusted to 1969 \$	Jan 1969	8,484		8,484 0	50 50	170	Dec 2018	7,480
333	Services		1						
334	Meters and Meter Installations		11.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1	1	:   : : : : 0			) [	
	No inservice date known; est as 1/1/2000	Jan 2000	2,500		2,500	20		Dec 2019	1,510
335	Hydrants		1 :		0	40	T (	)	0
336	Cross Connection Control (utility owned)			4					0
339	Other Plant	11.1.1.1.1	-1 : :::::::::		<u>    -                                 </u>				
CIAC		Jan 2009 Jan 2009	<u> </u>		0			Dec 2038	
0					0			<b>)</b>	0
340	Office Furniture and Equipment				1 0	20	1 (	o [	0
341	Transportation Equipment		1	1				)   155 1. HE?	. 0
343	Tools, Shop, and Garage Equipment								
344	Laboratory Equipment		<u> </u>	1 :	] : : : : 0			0	. 0
345	Power Operated Equipment	V				15		0	0
	Communication Equipment		1	1		10		0	0
346			- 1		[	10		0	.: 0
347	Electronic/Computer Equipment		a. [: ai		T	5	i	0	0
348	Miscellaneous Equipment				1 0	10	0]	0	0
	TOT	ALS	36,898	3	36,898			o l	

Original Plant In Service Cost	36,898
Less: Excess Capacity "Used & Useful" Plant	36,898
Less Accum Depreciation NET PLANT	26,383 10,515
2012 Depreciation Expense	.601
2013 Depreciation Expense	601
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CASE: UW 152/UI 324 WITNESS: BRITTANY ANDRUS

# PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

**STAFF EXHIBIT 102** 

**Witness Qualifications Statement** 

November 20, 2012

#### WITNESS QUALIFICATION STATEMENT

NAME: Brittany Andrus

**EMPLOYER:** Public Utility Commission of Oregon

TITLE: Utility Analyst

ADDRESS: 550 Capitol Street NE Suite 215

Salem, Oregon 97301-2148

**EDUCATION:** M.B.A.

Portland State University, Portland, Oregon

B.A. English

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

**EXPERIENCE:** I have been employed at the Oregon Public Utility Commission

since September 2011 doing research, analysis, and investigations related to regulated public utilities.

I was previously employed for 17 years by the Bonneville Power Administration, a wholesale power marketing agency within the federal Department of Energy. My duties included energy conservation program management and planning, long term load and revenue forecasting, power sales contracts, rates analysis, short-term load forecasting, power and

transmission scheduling, and management of load forecasting

system information technology projects.

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

#### UW 152/UI 324

I certify that I have, this day, served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding by delivering a copy in person or by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid, or by electronic mail pursuant to OAR 860-001-0180, to the following parties or attorneys of parties.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2012 at Salem, Oregon

Kav Barnes

Public Utility Commission Regulatory Operations

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