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In the Matter of)	
GOVERNMENT CAMP WATER COMPANY))	ORDER
An Investigation Pursuant to ORS 756.515 to Determine Jurisdiction)))	

DISPOSITION: JURISDICTION ASSERTED

Pursuant to ORS Chapters 756 and 757, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) regulates private or investor-owned water utilities meeting the definition of a public utility. See ORS 757.005. The Commission may regulate public utilities for service (service regulation) or rates (financial regulation) or both.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Government Camp Water Company (Government Camp or Utility) is a privately-owned public utility providing water service to a variety of residential and commercial customers in Government Camp, Oregon. Staff met with the Utility on July 21, 2009. At that time, the Utility confirmed that it is currently serving over 500 customers.

ORS 757.061 (2) provides that water utilities meeting the definition of a public utility in ORS 757.005 that serve fewer than 500 customers may be exempt from certain regulation if they meet the requirements found in ORS 757.061. Public water utilities that serve 500 or more customers are not exempted by ORS 757.061. Therefore Government Camp is subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the Commission for both financial and service regulation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

GOVERNMENT CAMP WATER COMPANY is a public utility pursuant to ORS 757.005 and is subject to service regulation pursuant to ORS 757.020.

GOVERNMENT CAMP WATER COMPANY serves over 500 customers and is a financial rate and service regulated public utility pursuant to ORS 757.061.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. GOVERNMENT CAMP WATER COMPANY is a financial and service regulated water utility pursuant to ORS 757.005 and 757.061.
- 2. GOVERNMENT CAMP WATER COMPANY shall file appropriate tariffs within 60 days of the date of this order.

Made, entered, and effective AUG 1 2 2009

Lee Sparling
Director
Utility Program

A party to this docket may request reconsideration pursuant to ORS 756.561. The request must be filed within 60 days of the date of service of this order and include information that demonstrates that Government Camp Water Company is not subject to Commission jurisdiction.

A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480-183.484.