

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

STORLIE WATER COMPANY

An Investigation Under ORS 756.515
to Determine Jurisdiction.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: JURISDICTION ASSERTED

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) regulates private and investor-owned water utilities that meet the definition of a public utility in ORS 757.005. Public utilities are regulated in accordance with ORS Chapters 756 and 757.

The Commission regulates adequacy of service including, but not limited to: water quality, water pressure, customer service, and plant maintenance for certain water utilities designated a public utility. *See* ORS 757.020.

ORS 757.061 provides circumstances where public water utilities become subject to Commission financial (rate) regulation in addition to being service regulated.

Under ORS 757.061(6)(b), any public utility charging rates that exceed the maximum rate thresholds established by the Commission must provide its customers with written notice of the customer's right to petition for regulation. If the Commission receives petitions from 20 percent or more of the customers, the Commission will regulate the utility for service and rates.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Storlie Water Company (Storlie or Utility) is a privately owned water utility that provides water service to approximately 18 customers, near Bend, Oregon.

On January 15, 2015, Storlie notified its customers it was increasing its rates above the Commission established thresholds found in OAR 860-036-0030.

The Commission received a sufficient number of customer petitions requesting rate regulation on March 2, 2015, to meet the statutory threshold of 20 percent.

Storlie meets the definition of a public utility in ORS 757.005 and is subject to service regulation under ORS 757.020.

The proposed rates exceed the Commission's maximum threshold found in OAR 860-036-0030.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

STORLIE WATER COMPANY is a public utility under ORS 757.005 and is subject to service regulation under ORS 757.020

STORLIE WATER COMPANY is a rate regulated water utility under ORS 757.005 and 757.061(6)(b).

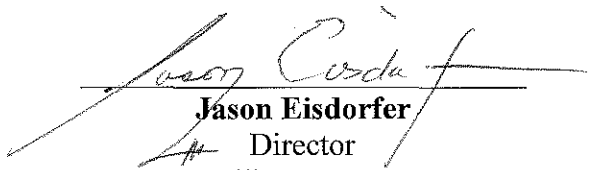
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IT IS ORDERED that:

1. STORLIE WATER COMPANY is a rate and service regulated water utility under ORS 757.005, 757.020, and 757.061.
2. STORLIE WATER COMPANY shall file appropriate tariffs within 60 days of the date of this order.

Made, entered, and effective MAR 17 2015.




Jason Eisdorfer
Director
Utility Program

A party to this docket may request reconsideration under 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 STORLIE 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.