

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)	
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RL WATER, LLC)	RULING
)	
Request for a general revenue requirement)	
increase in the amount of \$106,143, or)	
376 percent.)	

DISPOSITION: MOTIONS GRANTED; NEW SCHEDULED ESTABLISHED

On February 27, 2006, RL Water, LLC (Company), filed a motion for an extension of time in which to respond to the third set of Public Utility Commission of Oregon water staff (Staff) data requests.

On March 14, 2006, Staff filed a motion to extend the tariff suspension date for an additional three months, and recommended a new procedural schedule be adopted. In its motion, Staff noted that the Company has not responded to any of Staff's data requests. However, the Company has recently hired counsel, who has indicated to Staff that additional time is necessary to provide "meaningful" responses to all three sets of data responses.

Staff Data Request 3 was served on February 22, 2006. Pursuant to OAR 860-014-0070(1), Company's responses were due ten Commission business days from the date of service, or March 8, 2006.

I am not aware of the service dates for Data Requests 1 and 2. The rules, however, are clear as to when responses are due. Since this is the Company's initial foray into rate regulation, and the Company has hired counsel to assist in the process, the Company's motion for an extension of time is granted. Responses to Staff's Data Requests 1, 2, and 3 are due to Staff on or before March 24, 2006. I do not intend to grant additional time for responses for Data Requests 1, 2, and 3.

The recommended procedural schedule was acceptable to both parties. I adopt the schedule in part, as follows:

EVENT	DATE
Data Responses 1, 2, and 3 to Staff	March 24, 2006
Settlement Conference*	May 4, 2006
Staff Deadline for Data Requests to Company	May 5, 2006
Company Deadline for Data Responses to Staff	May 15, 2006
Staff Testimony Due	May 26, 2006
Evidentiary Hearing	TBD

*The settlement conference is neither scheduled nor noticed by the Administrative Hearings Division. Staff is responsible for setting the time, date, and place that is acceptable to all parties, and must send out the notice to parties and interested persons.

The parties recommended that the evidentiary hearing, if necessary, be held June 8, 2006. Although the parties are to reserve that date for hearing, I am not setting the final date for hearing until after the settlement conference.

Finally, Staff asked that the tariffs be suspended for an additional three months beyond the initial six month suspension. This must be done by separate order pursuant to ORS 757.215(1).

Dated this 15th day of March 2006.

Kathryn A. Logan
Administrative Law Judge