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REGULAR CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE February 14, 2020

DATE: January 6, 2020

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Scott Shearer

THROUGH: Michael Dougherty, Bryan Conway, and Bruce Hellebuyck SIGNED

SUBJECT: SEVENTH MOUNTAIN GOLF VILLAGE WATER COMPANY:

(Docket No. ADV 1078/Advice No. 20-01)

Revises tariffs to align with recent changes to OAR 860-036.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission acknowledge Seventh Mountain Golf Village Water Company's (SMGV) Advice No. 20-01, PUC OR No. 4 tariff filing to become effective with service rendered on and after February 14, 2020.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should acknowledge SMGV's Advice No. 20-01, which updates its tariff to be consistent with recently adopted changes in the Commission's Division 36 rules applicable to water utilities.

Applicable Rule or Law

ORS 757.205 requires each public utility to file with the Commission schedules showing all rates, tolls, charges, rules, and regulations that pertain to service performed by the public utility. Tariff revisions or corrections may be made by filing revised sheets with the information required under the Commission's administrative rules, including OAR 860-036-2000 and OAR 860-036-2010. Filings that make any change in rates, tolls, charges, rules, or regulations must be filed with the Commission at least 30 days prior to the effective date of changes; however, the Commission has the discretion to approve tariff filings on less than statutory notice.

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Analysis

On January 1, 2017, existing Division 36 administrative rules were repealed and new rules were adopted in Commission Docket No. AR 595, Order No. 17-017. This rulemaking was initiated with the goal of improving the organization and clarity of the rules. Due to the newly adopted administrative rules, Staff requested that rate-regulated water utilities file updated tariff sheets that reflect the changes in the Commission's administrative rules.

In response, SMGV filed Advice No. 20-01 on January 2, 2020, to align its tariff with the changes adopted in Order No. 17-017. Staff notes that although SMGV filed all new tariff sheets with a rate-effective date of February 14, 2020, there is no requested change to the rates, tolls, or charges approved by the Commission in SMGV's most recent general rate case. SMGV's requested rate-effective date of February 14, 2020, is more than 30 days' notice for schedule changes. Staff has reviewed SMGV's Advice No. 19-01 to ensure that all rates, tolls, and charges remain unchanged and to ensure the requested changes are consistent with the new Division 36 administrative rules.

Conclusion

The tariffs filed meet the requirements of the new water rules and should be allowed to go into effect.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Acknowledge SMGV's Advice No. 20-01, PUC OR No. 4 to be effective with service rendered on and after February 14, 2020.

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