

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: August 11, 2020**

REGULAR  CONSENT  EFFECTIVE DATE August 12, 2020

DATE: July 27, 2020

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Stephanie Yamada

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

SUBJECT: AVION WATER COMPANY:  
(Docket No. ADV 1146/Advice No. 20-03)  
Revises Schedule 12 of Avion's tariff to update and align its provisions with Schedule 7.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) allow Avion Water Company's (Avion or Company) proposed changes to its Schedule 12 to go into effect for service rendered on and after August 12, 2020.

**DISCUSSION:**

Issue

Whether the Commission should allow Avion's filed tariff sheets to become effective.

Applicable Rule or Law

Under ORS 757.205(1)-(2), a rate-regulated water utility must file schedules showing all rates, tolls, and charges for any service performed by it within the state and all rules and regulations that in any manner affect its rates. The Commission may approve tariff changes if they are deemed to be fair, just, and reasonable. ORS 757.210. Tariff revisions may be made by filing revised sheets with the information required under the Commission's administrative rules, including OAR 860-036-2010.

Filings that propose any change in rates, tolls, charges, rules, or regulations must be filed with the Commission at least 30 days before the effective date of the change. ORS 757.220.

## Analysis

### *Background*

Avion is a rate-regulated water utility serving approximately 14,000 domestic water and 790 irrigation customers in the vicinity of Bend, Oregon. With this filing, Avion proposes to update Schedule 12 of its tariff, which specifies the System Impact Fees (SIF) applicable to developers in Woodriver Village. The filing was submitted on July 9, 2020, with a proposed effective date of August 12, 2020.

The changes proposed with this filing are primarily housekeeping changes. This filing resulted from Avion's proposal to increase its standard System Development Charges (SDCs), which reside in Schedule 7 of the Company's tariff. That proposal is addressed separately in Docket No. ADV 1131. During conversations with regard to that request, Staff and Avion became aware that changes to the SDCs listed in Schedule 7 would also necessitate modifications to Avion's Schedule 12. Specifically, developers are required to pay standard Schedule 7 SDCs under Section B of the current Schedule 12, and the Schedule 7 SDCs are currently listed there explicitly. Consequently, as the tariff is currently written, any changes made to the Schedule 7 SDCs would need to be reproduced in Schedule 12 as well. The present filing replaces the explicit listing of Schedule 7 SDCs in Schedule 12 with a general reference to Schedule 7—as such, any future changes made to Schedule 7 will not require a corresponding change to Schedule 12.

This filing also removes language regarding the SIFs applicable to developers of the first 20 lots in Woodriver Village, as this language is no longer relevant. The first 20 lots have been developed and the system improvements contemplated in Schedule 12 have been completed; the project is now in the ten-year line share phase following project completion. Avion's proposed changes retain the provisions that apply to the current phase of the project.

The present filing does not result in any changes to the Company's rates and is not expected to have a material impact on customers.

## Conclusion

Staff finds that Avion's proposed revisions to its Schedule 12 comply with applicable statutes and Commission rules, and should be approved.

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**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Allow Avion's revised Schedule 12 to become effective for service rendered on and after August 12, 2020.

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