

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**
2 **OF OREGON**

3 UW 185

4 In the Matter of
5 ROATS WATER SYSTEM, INC.,
6 Request for General Rate Revision.

STAFF'S MOTION TO SUSPEND
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Expedited Consideration Requested

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8 Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff) hereby moves to suspend the
9 procedural schedule in this docket, pursuant to OAR 860-001-0420. Counsel for Staff has
10 conferred with, Roats Water System, Inc., and confirmed it supports this motion. Staff's counsel
11 also provided notice of settlement and intent to file a motion to suspend the procedural schedule
12 to the docket's one intervenor, Blake Geisk, and received no response. Staff requests expedited
13 consideration of this motion because opening testimony by Staff and Intervenors is currently due
14 September 21, 2021.

15 The parties in this docket have reached an agreement in principle on a comprehensive
16 settlement resolving all issues in this proceeding. Accordingly, the parties need adequate time to
17 reduce their settlement to a written stipulation and to prepare testimony supporting the
18 stipulation. Once the stipulation is finalized, there will no longer be a need for Staff and
19 Intervenors to file opening testimony, or for the other remaining events on the procedural
20 schedule, including reply, rebuttal and sur-rebuttal testimony, a hearing, and legal briefs.
21 Therefore, Staff respectfully requests a suspension of the procedural schedule.

22 The parties intend to file the stipulation and supporting testimony as soon as possible.
23 Staff anticipates the stipulation and supporting testimony will be filed by November 1, 2021, and
24 will provide the ALJ with a status update if the parties are unable to make this filing.

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1 **Conclusion**

2 Based on the foregoing, Staff respectfully requests an order suspending the procedural
3 schedule.

4 DATED this 1st day of September 2021.

5 Respectfully submitted,

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