

ISSUED: March 27, 2008

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)
)
FISH MILL LODGES WATER SYSTEM) RULING
)
Application for a General Rate Increase.)

DISPOSITION: FILING DEADLINE ESTABLISHED

At the March 14, 2008 hearing, I notified the parties that I would hold the record open until March 24, 2008, for the receipt of two items: (1) a stipulation filed by Fish Mill Lodges Water System (Fish Mill); and (2) rebuttal testimony from Staff in response to new evidence produced at hearing.

Fish Mill filed no stipulation. Staff, however, offered the rebuttal testimony of Kathy Miller. In that testimony, Ms. Miller responds to seven issues raised by Fish Mill. Ms. Miller adheres to her prior testimony on six of those issues, but supports the company’s proposed allocation between residential and commercial customers. Based on research of estimate water usage for hotel guests, Staff “could support the Company’s proposed allocations of 42.66 percent for residential customers and 57.34 percent for the commercial customer.” Staff/200, Miller/8. Under this revised recommendation, monthly residential rates would be \$53.87, and the monthly commercial rate would be \$217.22. Ms. Miller also provided an alternative recommendation, utilizing a two-year amortization period instead of a standard three-year amortization for certain items, including rate case expenses, water testing, legal expenses, and contract labor expense. Staff/200, Miller/9.

Fish Mill has until April 3, 2008, to request an opportunity to cross-examine Ms. Miller on this rebuttal testimony, or to submit a written objection to its admission. Any objection must explain the basis of why the evidence should not be admitted. If no filing is received, I will issue a ruling admitting the testimony into evidence.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 27th day of March, 2008.

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge