OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE)

- DATE: December 14, 2023
- **TO:** File through Marc Hellman
- **FROM:** Steph Yamada
- **SUBJECT:** <u>LAKESHORE WATER COMPANY, LLC</u>: (Docket No. UW 197/Advice No. 23-02) Tariffs in compliance with Order No. 23-473.

I have reviewed this filing and recommend that an acknowledgement letter be sent. With this filing, Lakeshore Water Company, LLC (Lakeshore or Company) files tariffs in compliance with Order No. 23-473 in Docket No. UW 197.

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Whether the filed tariff sheets should be allowed to become effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025, as there are two sets of rates, one for each applicable year.

Applicable Law

Pursuant to ORS 757.205(1)-(2) and OAR 860-036-2000, 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 requirements for tariff and advice letter contents are described in OAR 860-036-2010.

With Order No. 23-473, entered December 14, 2023, the Commission adopted the Stipulation entered into between Lakeshore and Staff in Docket No. UW 197. With that order, the Commission also required Lakeshore to file compliance tariffs no later than December 18, 2023, with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

<u>Analysis</u>

In compliance with Order No. 23-473, on December 14, 2023, Lakeshore submitted tariff sheets reflecting the Stipulation entered into between Staff and the Company in Docket No. UW 197. The filed sheets will become effective January 1, 2024. As the Stipulation reflected a phase-in with new rates becoming effective over two years, the filed sheets also include a revised Sheet 3 to become effective January 1, 2025. I have reviewed the filed tariff sheets and find that this filing complies with Order No. 23-473.

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The revised rates reflect target revenues of \$45,250 in Year 1 and \$62,847 in Year 2. The average residential customer will experience a monthly bill increase from \$46.07 to \$74.65, or 62 percent, in Year 1 and an additional increase of 39 percent to \$103.68 in Year 2.

Conclusion

This filing complies with applicable laws and Commission orders and should be allowed to become effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025.

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