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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 857

In the Matter of the First Hill Operating)
Account Under the Interim Operating) ORDER
Agreement for First Hill Water, Inc.)

DISPOSITION: STAFF RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

Commission Order No. 97-240, issued June 25, 1997, set out interim operating instructions for continued service to First Hill Water, Inc.'s (First Hill) customers. Part of the instructions required that Staff establish a bank account to fund operation of the system, including the collection of revenues and payment of expenses. The instructions also required that Staff close the account when the interim arrangement was no longer needed.

The City of Bend (City) began serving First Hill customers in October 2000, ending the need for the interim arrangement. Pursuant to the Commission's instructions in Order No. 97-240, Staff closed the operating account and is completing a final accounting to support a recommendation to the Commission for disbursement of all residual funds from the account. Until the Commission orders final disbursement, Staff recommends placing the funds in an interest-bearing account from which disbursement can be made.

The Commission finds this recommendation reasonable and concludes that the funds from the operating account should be treated accordingly.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Commission Staff shall place the funds from First Hill's operating account in an interest-bearing account from which disbursement will be made when a final accounting is completed.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Ron Eachus
Chairman

Roger Hamilton
Commissioner

Joan H. Smith
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. The request must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order and must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to applicable law.