

ORDER NO. 02-161

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

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In the Matter of the Application of Willamette)
Water Company's Proposed Tariffs for Water) ORDER
Service in the State of Oregon.)

**DISPOSITION: RATE SCHEDULES SUSPENDED FOR
ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF TIME**

On October 22, 2001, Willamette Water Company (WWC) filed revised rate schedules in Advice No. 01-9 to be effective on November 1, 2001. The terms of the proposed schedules were set forth in a Staff Report, dated October 17, 2001.

At its October 22, 2001, public meeting, the Commission found good and sufficient cause exists to investigate the propriety and reasonableness of the rates, pursuant to ORS 757.210 and 757.215. The Commission ordered suspension of the advice pending that investigation. On October 31, 2001, the Commission issued Order No. 01-908 suspending Advice No. 01-9 for a six-month period of time.

On March 4, 2002, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a request for an additional three months extension of the tariff suspension, in order to hold another settlement conference.

The Commission will not have an opportunity to complete its investigation in this case prior to the expiration of the initial suspension period. Accordingly, the suspension should be extended for an additional period not exceeding three months pursuant to ORS 757.215(1).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Advice No. 01-9 filed by Willamette Water Company, is suspended for an additional period of not more than three months beyond the last day of the initial suspension period set forth in Order No. 01-908.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Roy Hemmingway
Chairman

Lee Beyer
Commissioner

Joan H. Smith
Commissioner