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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of)	
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SQUAW CREEK CANYON)	
DEVELOPMENT)	ORDER
)	
Application to increase the utility's total)	
annual revenues from \$34,972 to \$45,500.)	

DISPOSITION: TARIFFS FURTHER SUSPENDED; SCHEDULE HELD IN ABEYANCE

By Order No. 02-649, entered September 17, 2002, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) suspended for six months and opened an investigation into the Squaw Creek Canyon Development's (Company) rates. Pursuant to the Commission's order, a public comment hearing and prehearing conference were held on October 2, 2002, in Sisters, Oregon. After a discussion among the parties, the following schedule was adopted:

Deadline for Petitions to Intervene	October 16, 2002
Settlement Conference (in Sisters, OR)	January 7, 2003
Deadline for Data Requests to Company	January 14, 2003
Deadline for Company Responses to Data	January 27, 2003
Requests	
Staff and Intervenor Direct Testimony due	February 4, 2003
Public Information and Comment Meeting (in	February 18, 2003
Sisters, OR – location and time to be determined)	
Evidentiary Hearing (in Sisters, OR) following	February 18, 2003
Public Information and Comment Meeting	

On February 7, 2003, counsel for the Commission staff (Staff) filed a Motion to Suspend Rates for Additional Three Months and Hold Current Schedule in Abeyance (Motion). In support of its Motion, Staff states that the parties, including the

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Company, held a second settlement conference on February 10, 2003. Staff states that "because of these continuing settlement discussions, the current suspension period will not allow the Commission adequate time to issue an order....Staff requests that the Commission enter an order further suspending the rates of [Company] for an additional three months. No party opposes this motion."

In light of the foregoing circumstances, we find that the investigation of the Company's rates will not be completed by the end of the initial six month tariff suspension period and that a three month extension of the suspension period, pursuant to ORS 757.215(1), is appropriate.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Squaw Creek Canyon Development's Tariffs for Water Service in the State of Oregon are further suspended pursuant to ORS 757.215(1) through June 18, 2003.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Roy Hemmingway Chairman Lee Beyer Commissioner

Joan H. Smith Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 56.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request 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.