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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of LONG BUTTE WATER)	
SYSTEM, INC.)	ORDER
)	
Request to approve Schedule 3, Water)	
System Infrastructure Fee.)	

DISPOSITION: RATE SCHEDULE SUSPENDED FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF TIME

On October 23, 2003, Long Butte Water System, Inc. (LBWS) filed a request that the Commission approve its proposed Schedule 3, Water Service Infrastructure Fee, effective November 24, 2003. Commission Staff (Staff) described the terms of the proposed schedule in a Staff Report, dated November 12, 2003.

At its November 13, 2003, public meeting, the Commission found good and sufficient cause to investigate the propriety and reasonableness of the rates. ORS 757.210 and 757.215. The Commission ordered suspension of the advice pending the investigation. On November 17, 2003, the Commission issued Order No. 03-656, suspending the rate schedule for a six-month period of time.

On April 20, 2004, Staff filed a letter indicating there was a calculation error in its testimony. The letter states that the record supports the proposed infrastructure fee, but requested that Staff be allowed to supplement its testimony. The additional testimony would describe the error and analyze costs that were not included in the original testimony.

The Commission concludes that additional testimony, as well as an opportunity for other parties to respond, is necessary. As a result, the Commission will not have an opportunity to complete this investigation prior to the expiration of the initial suspension period. Accordingly, the suspension should be extended for an additional period not exceeding three months. ORS 757.215(1).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that LONG BUTTE WATER SYSTEM, INC.'s Schedule 3, Water System Infrastructure Fee is suspended for an additional period of time not to exceed three months.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Lee Beyer
Chairman

John Savage
Commissioner

Ray Baum
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. 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.