

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UW 119

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
AGATE WATER COMPANY	)	ORDER
	)	
Request for an increase in total annual	)	
revenues of \$202,800 or 45.7%.	)	

**DISPOSITION: STIPULATING PARTIES DIRECTED TO  
SUPPLEMENT RECORD**

On April 30, 2007, Agate Water Company and the Commission Staff (collectively referred to as Stipulating Parties) filed a stipulation intended to resolve all issues raised in this general rate proceeding. None of the seven customer intervenors joined the Stipulation, and filed testimony in opposition to numerous stipulated issues.

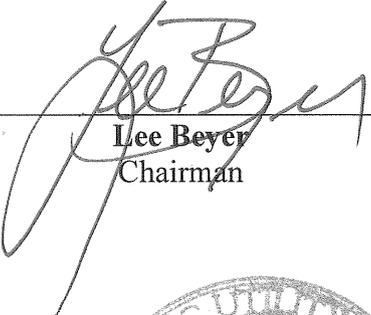
After our review of the stipulation and supporting testimony, we seek additional information to determine the reasonableness of the proposed salary and wages for Fred Shilling, owner of Agate Water Company. The supporting testimony explains that Mr. Shilling works half-time providing corporate governance duties. While Mr. Shilling currently receives the equivalent of \$26.88 per hour, the stipulation proposes to double that hourly rate to \$53.76, resulting in an annual amount of \$55,800.

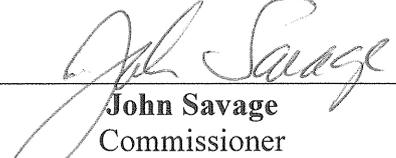
We seek additional information to justify this significant increase in hourly pay. The information provided in the supporting testimony provides only a generalized description of Mr. Shilling’s duties. *See* Staff/100, Miller-Dougherty/17. Given the proposed doubling of the rate of compensation, we direct the Stipulating Parties to provide more detailed information to support the request. Specifically, the Stipulating Parties should detail Mr. Shilling’s specific responsibilities, the type of work performed, the number of respective hours worked, and his role in preparing this general rate application. The parties should also clarify whether Mr. Shilling’s work is limited to corporate governance, or whether he also performs duties as a water operator. Finally, the Stipulating Parties should provide further information about the AWWA hourly wage survey and OMLIS data to help us determine the extent to which Mr. Shilling’s activities are comparable to those reported in the industry and government data.

The Stipulating Parties shall provide this additional information by July 23, 2007, with copies to the customer intervenors. Customer intervenors may file information in response to this supplemental filing. Any such response must be filed by August 3, 2006. All new information must be accompanied by an affidavit from a sponsoring witness affirming the truth and accuracy of material submitted.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Made, entered, and effective JUL 11 2007.

  
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**Lee Beyer**  
Chairman

  
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**John Savage**  
Commissioner

  
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**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 by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480-183.484.