

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UW 124

In the Matter of	)	
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SEVENTH MOUNTAIN GOLF VILLAGE	)	
WATER COMPANY	)	ORDER
	)	
Application for a General Rate Increase.	)	

**DISPOSITION: STIPULATION ADOPTED; RATE INCREASE APPROVED**

Seventh Mountain Golf Village Water Company (SMGV or Company), located in Bend, Oregon, provides domestic water service to commercial irrigation and residential customers. On November 20, 2007, SMGV filed an application and associated tariffs in Advice No. 07-21 requesting a general rate increase of \$23,912, or 47 percent, resulting in annual revenues of \$74,603 to become effective January 1, 2008.

At its December 18, 2007, public meeting, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) found good and sufficient cause to investigate the tariffs and, by Order No. 07-563, entered December 19, 2007, the tariffs were suspended for a six-month period. On January 28, 2008, a Petition to Intervene was filed by Robert J. Selder, Thomas G. Clifford and Leo Mottau, both in their capacities as customers of SMGV and as members of the Widgi Creek/Elkai Woods Water Committee (Widgi), representing 175-180 domestic customers of SMGV. They were granted intervenor status without objection.

By Order No. 08-199, entered April 10, 2008, the suspension was extended for an additional three months until September 19, 2008, and the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued a Ruling on April 14, 2008, revising the procedural schedule pursuant to a Motion filed by Staff on March 21, 2008. On July 2, 2008, SMGV and the Commission staff (Staff) filed a Joint Stipulation (Stipulation), signed by all parties<sup>1</sup> and supported by Staff Direct Testimony (Staff/100-103), resolving all outstanding issues in the proceeding. By Ruling of July 25, 2008, the ALJ suspended the schedule for the remainder of the proceeding.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Mottau was unavailable during the time of the signing of the Stipulation and gave power of attorney to Mr. Clifford, who signed on Mr. Mottau's behalf as well as his own. (Staff/100, Dougherty/1, ftn. 1.)

**The Parties.** SMGV is an investor-owned water utility located in the vicinity of Bend, Oregon, providing water service to seven commercial customers, approximately 25 irrigation customers and 181 residential customers. SMGV has several affiliated interest agreements that have been approved by the Commission. The seven commercial customers are associated with the Widgi Creek Golf Course (WCGC), although WCGC is no longer a customer of SMGV itself. Among the irrigation customers are the Elkai Woods Homeowners Association (EWHO) and the Elkai Woods Fractional Homeowners Association (EWFHO), which use SMGV water to irrigate common areas. EWHO and EWFHO members are also owners of individual townhomes and thus SMGV residential customers.<sup>2</sup>

**The SMGV Rate Application.** SMGV filed tariffs on November 20, 2007, to be effective January 1, 2008. In its application, SMGV requested an increase in revenues of \$23,912 (from \$50,691 to \$74,603), or 47 percent. SMGV also requested a 9.04 percent return on a rate base of \$86,074. SMGV claimed recent investments in excess of \$50,000 for meter installations and additional improvements. SMGV also proposed an increase in management fees from \$850 to \$1,200 per month and indicated that back taxes from 2002 and prior years had not previously been included in rates.<sup>3</sup>

SMGV currently charges flat rates of \$21.14 per month for residential service and \$173 per month for commercial service.<sup>4</sup> Currently, there is no specified rate for irrigation service as irrigation was provided to small common areas by certain residences. With the installation of 1-inch diameter meters in progress, SMGV proposes that all customers have a base rate of \$22.07 per month and a commodity rate of 88 cents per 100 cubic feet.<sup>5</sup>

**The Staff Analysis.** Staff reviewed the SMGV application and recommended a revenue requirement of \$68,186, a \$9,301, or 15.8 percent, increase, of which \$59,330 was proposed to be collected from residential, commercial and irrigation customers. SMGV and WCGC have a reciprocal easement agreement that allows SMGV to draw water for its operations from a SMGV-owned well located on WCGC's property and permits WCGC access to its irrigation equipment on SMGV's property. Consequently, WCGC agreed to pay its pro rata share of SMGV's operations and maintenance expenses, and the seven WCGC-associated commercial customers of SMGV will continue to pay commercial water rates.<sup>6</sup> Staff therefore recommended that SMGV receive \$8,855 from WCGC as special contract revenue resulting from electrical and property tax pro-rata sharing.<sup>7</sup> Staff also recommended that SMGV be allowed to earn a 9.5 percent rate of return on a rate base of \$58,506.<sup>8</sup> In order to reach its recommended revenue requirement, Staff proposed adjustments to sales calculations and SMGV's test-period

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<sup>2</sup> Staff/100, Dougherty/2-3, 6.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*, at 5.

<sup>4</sup> See UW 116, Order No. 06-201, entered August 28, 2006.

<sup>5</sup> Staff/100, Dougherty/7-9.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*, at 2-4.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*, at 9.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*, at 9-10. Staff/102, Dougherty/1-2, sets forth the revenue requirement calculations.

expenses. These adjustments, summarized in the testimony accompanying the Stipulation,<sup>9</sup> are as follows:

Account No. 461.1—Residential Water Sales. Revenue was calculated using 181 customers, based upon newly completed and current construction.

Account No. 461.2—Commercial Water Sales. Revenue was calculated using seven, rather than two, commercial customers.

Account No. 465—Irrigation (non-golf) Water Sales. Revenue was imputed for irrigation based on 25 customers at the UW 116 rate of \$21.14 multiplied by 12 months.

Special Contract Revenue. Following the agreement with WCGC described above, an amount was calculated based on a pro-rata sharing of electrical costs and property taxes for equipment. Electricity was allocated based on water consumption. During the months of no golf course use, WCGC pays half of the electric base rate.

Account No. 603—Officer Salaries and Wages. UI 280 authorized total compensation to SMGV's owner of \$2,400 per year.

Account No. 615—Purchased Power. Staff made a \$770 upward adjustment to cover increases resulting from the PacifiCorp UE 179 rate case, tax true-ups and power costs.

Account No. 619—Office Supplies. Upon review, Staff reduced the SMGV request from \$2,070 to \$686.

Account No. 621—Water Plant Repairs and Account No. 636—Contract Services-Labor. After reviewing the test-year invoices and noting the relationship between parts and labor of these accounts, Staff increased the proposed expenses in Account No. 621 from \$2,456 to \$3,319 and reduced Account No. 636 from \$5,000 to \$488.

Account No. 632—Accounting Services. A review of test-year invoices and a cost projection from SMGV's account led to a Staff reduction from \$4,284 to \$3,100.

Account No. 634—Management Services. Based on its analysis and the documentation submitted regarding the number of hours of work performed monthly and a 2.5 percent expense escalation allowed in UI 217(1), Staff proposed a decrease of \$797 from \$14,400 to \$13,603 per year.

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<sup>9</sup> *Id.*, at 10-18.

Account No. 635—Testing Services. Based upon a recalculation of the proposed testing expense using a four-year average for the costs and adding sampling charges, Staff proposed a decrease of \$510 from the SMGV application amount of \$2,423 to \$1,913.

Account No. 638—Meter Reading Services. With the new requirement for reading meters, SMGV submitted an annual cost of \$3,600. Staff calculated costs based on \$1.50 per meter per month for residential and commercial customers based on 11 rather than 12 readings per year due to the high elevation of Elkai Woods, which during the winter months would not always be readable, due to snow and frozen ground. Irrigation meters were assumed to be read seven months per year. Staff therefore recommended a reduction of \$237 to \$3,363.

Account No. 641—Rental Expense. The land rental is an affiliated interest transaction that has been impacted by a number of factors relating to transfers in ownership of the property. Although SMGV disagreed with Staff's analysis, for the purposes of the Stipulation it accepted Staff's proposal to allow only the \$199 tax expense in the calculation of rates.

Account No. 675—General Expenses. While SMGV did not ask for any expenses in this area, Staff proposed including \$799 to cover Oregon Association of Water Utilities dues, bank charges, sanitary survey (amortized over two years) and licenses. Concerns were also raised by Staff and intervenors about the choice of financial institutions used by SMGV due to high bank charges.

Account No. 408.1—Property Tax. SMGV included \$7,200 in property taxes, and Staff recommended an allowable expense of \$4,691, which included \$2,819 in current 2007 taxes and \$1,872 in back taxes that had not been included in rates. The back tax expense is calculated as a six-year amortization with no interest or penalties to be accrued to reflect the finding that the shareholders should bear the interest and penalty burden.<sup>10</sup>

Utility Plant in Service. After review of various records and data requests, Staff determined that the SMGV plant in service was \$54,210, which was \$30,456 less than the \$84,666 in the SMGV application. Staff excluded the landscaping installation expense, with which SMGV disagreed, and Staff acknowledged that SMGV may address it in subsequent rate proceedings. With Staff's knowledge, to meet the intent of the UW 116 stipulation, SMGV reimbursed customers for the depreciated value of the meters at \$36 per meter. After the buyback, SMGV would have depreciate the meters over four years at \$8 per meter. However, the buyback was not completed, and, as a consequence, meters were not included in plant.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> *Id.*, at 16-18, 28-29. The issue with respect to proper assessment and payment of back taxes was previously addressed by the Commission in Order No. 06-501 in docket UW 116.

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*, at 19-24, which includes a narrative of the litigation underlying the utility plant issues.

**The Stipulation.** The Stipulation is composed of the Stipulation itself, Staff's recommended revenue requirement, described above, and the SMGV's tariffs. Although, as noted above, SMGV did not agree with all of Staff's proposed adjustments, for the purposes of this rate case, it agreed to the adjustments and other provisions contained in the Stipulation, including new rates.

In order to meet the stipulated revenue requirement, the base rates were reduced from SMGV's proposed \$22.07 per customer to \$13.86 per customer for residential, commercial and irrigation customers with meter diameters of 1 inch or less and raised to \$27.72 for commercial customers with 2-inch diameter meters.<sup>12</sup> The commodity rate stipulated by the parties was 59 cents per 100 cubic feet, 29 cents less than the 88 cents per 100 cubic feet SMGV had initially proposed. Changes were also made in the company's tariffs with respect to certain rules, fees and payment methods resulting from the installation of meters, the settlement of litigation and the need to comply with earlier Commission orders.<sup>13</sup>

**Conclusion.** The Commission admits the Stipulation and Staff Direct Testimony into the record in this docket. The Commission finds that the proposed rate increase and rate structure changes set forth in the Stipulation are fair and reasonable and should be approved.

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<sup>12</sup> *Id.*, at 25.

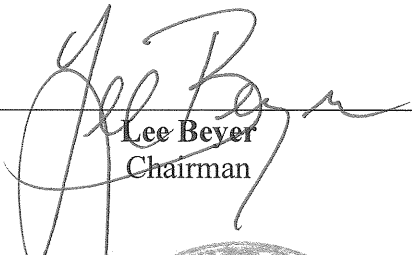
<sup>13</sup> *Id.*, at 26-31. *See also* docket UW 55, Order No. 97-291, entered August 4, 1997.

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Stipulation attached to this order as Appendix A is adopted. Seventh Mountain Golf Village Water Company is authorized to increase rates by \$9,301, or 15.80 percent, resulting in total annual revenues of \$68,186.
2. Effective September 1, 2008, Seventh Mountain Golf Village Water Company shall charge rates in accordance with the rate schedules in tariff PUC Oregon No. 3, Original Sheet Nos. 1-19, set forth in Appendix B of this Order.
3. The tariffs filed by Seventh Mountain Golf Village Water Company on November 20, 2007, are PERMANENTLY SUSPENDED

Made, entered, and effective AUG 20 2008.

  
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**Lee Beyer**  
Chairman

  
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**Ray Baum**  
Commissioner

  
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**John Savage**  
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.

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SEVENTH MOUNTAIN GOLF )  
VILLAGE WATER COMPANY'S ) STIPULATION  
Request for a General Rate Case. )

9 Seventh Mountain Golf Village Water Company (SMGV or the Company),  
10 appearing by and through its authorized representative, Dale Bernards, SMGV  
11 Owner and President, the Public Utility Commission Staff (Staff) appearing by and  
12 through its attorney, Jason W. Jones, Assistant Attorney General, and Intervenors  
13 Thomas G. Clifford, Robert J. Selder, and Leo Mottau enter into this Stipulation and  
14 resolution of all issues between them.

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16 Staff's written Testimony, Exhibits, and Tariff Sheets will be received into  
17 evidence pursuant to this Stipulation without requiring any Party to lay a foundation  
18 for its admission.

19 2.

20 Staff, the Company, and the Intervenors (Parties) agree to a total Revenue  
21 Requirement of \$68,186, total Revenue Reductions of \$62,628, and a Net Operating  
22 Income of \$5,558. The Parties also agree that the Company will have the opportunity  
23 to earn a 9.5 percent rate of return on total rate base of \$58,506. The stipulated  
24 Revenue Requirement is contained in Attachment A. Attachment B contains tariff

1 sheets, PUC Oregon No. 3, Original Sheets No. 1 through 19, showing the  
2 Company's rates, rules, and regulations.

3 3.

4 The Parties agree that the Company may charge residential, commercial, and  
5 irrigation rates according to the rate schedule set forth in the tariff sheet designated  
6 PUC Oregon No. 3, Original Sheet No. 3, Schedule No. 1.

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8 The Parties agree that the Company may charge Miscellaneous Service  
9 Charges according to the rate schedule set forth in tariff sheet PUC Oregon No. 3,  
10 Original Sheet No. 4, Schedule No. 2.

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12 The Parties support the Company rates set forth in tariff sheets PUC Oregon  
13 No. 3, Original Sheet No. 3, Schedule No. 1 and Original Sheet No. 4, Schedule No.  
14 2 will become effective September 1, 2008. The Company shall read meters on  
15 September 1, 2008, to establish a basis for the October 2008 charges to customers.  
16 The amount to be charged customers at the beginning of October 2008 will be the  
17 base rate for September 2008 plus the amount for September 2008 water usage.

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19 The Parties agree to support the Company charging customers for meter  
20 installations for any meters not currently installed. For meters being installed in Elkai  
21 Woods Homeowners Association and Elkai Woods Fractional Homeowners  
22 Association, SMGV will invoice the party(ies) responsible for the cost of these  
23 installations. Once purchased, customers will contribute the purchased meters to the



1 Company as Contributions in Aid of Construction (CIAC). The Parties further agree  
2 that the Company will be reimbursed for any meters purchased or "bought back" by  
3 SMGV including commercial, irrigation, and residential meters. As a result, all  
4 meters, with the exception of the master (badger) meter, will be reflected as CIAC for  
5 ratemaking purposes.

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7 The Parties agree that all required irrigation meters that are not presently in  
8 place will be installed by August 1, 2008.

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10 The Parties agree that existing plant and respective costs established in this  
11 docket, UW 124, will serve as a basis for subsequent rate cases.

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13 The Parties agree that the portion of the plant property taxes for the years  
14 1997 through 2002 (minus any penalties and interest) included in the determination  
15 of the Revenue Requirement of \$68,186 will be amortized into rates over a six-year  
16 period.

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18 The Company agrees to pay plant property taxes on a timely basis. The  
19 Parties agree that Staff will audit the Company's property tax payments for three  
20 consecutive years starting with the 2008 / 2009 plant property tax that will come due  
21 in the November 2008 time frame.

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2 The Company agrees to file its next rate application during the first six months  
3 of 2011 using a 2010 test year.

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5 By entering into this Stipulation, no Party shall be deemed to have approved,  
6 accepted, or consented to the facts, principles methods, or theories employed by any  
7 other Party in arriving at the agreed revenue requirement and rate spread and  
8 design.

9 13.

10 The Parties recommend that the Commission adopt this Stipulation in its  
11 entirety. The Parties have negotiated this Stipulation as an integrated document.  
12 Accordingly, if the Commission rejects all or any material portion of this Stipulation,  
13 each Party reserves the right, upon written notice to the Commission and all Parties  
14 to this proceeding within 15 days of the date of the Commission's order, to withdraw  
15 from the Stipulation and request an opportunity for the presentation of additional  
16 evidence and argument.

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The Parties understand that this Stipulation is not binding on the Commission in ruling on this application and does not foreclose the Commission from addressing other issues.

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

HARDY MYERS  
Attorney General



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Jason W. Jones, # 00059  
Assistant Attorney General  
Of Attorneys for PUC Staff

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7 DATED this 30 day of June 2008.

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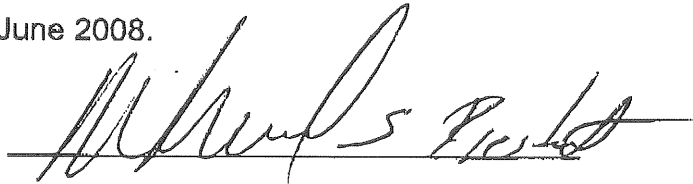
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Dale Bernards, President and Owner  
Seventh Mountain Golf Village Water Company

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DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2008.



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Intervenor

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Thomas G. Clifford for  
Leo Mottau  
Intervenor

SMGV  
UW 124  
Test Year: 2006-2007

Company Case  
40.6%

Staff  
4.1%

UW 124 Stipulation  
Attachment A

\$2,690

Acct. No.		A	B	C	F	G	H	I	Staff %	Difference between Staff & Company	
		Balance Per Application Test Year: 2006-2007	Proposed Company Adjustments	Adjusted Results (A+B=C)	Proposed Staff Adjustments	Adjusted Results (A+F=G)	Staff Proposed Rev Changes	Proposed Results (G+H+I)			
<b>REVENUES</b>											
1	461.1	Residential Water Sales	40,994	30,709	71,703	4,922	45,916	2,181	48,097	15.80%	-\$23,806
2	461.2	Commercial Water Sales	2,427	473	2,900	1,194	3,621	172	3,793		\$893
3	465	Irrigation - Non GC	7,270	(7,270)	0	(167)	7,103	337	7,440		\$7,440
4	462	Irrigation - GC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
5	471	Misc. Revenues	1,725	0	1,725	(1,725)	0	0	0		-\$1,725
6		Special Contracts (WCGC Elec)	6,469	0	6,469	2,386	8,855	0	8,855		\$2,386
7		<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>58,885</b>	<b>23,912</b>	<b>82,797</b>	<b>6,610</b>	<b>65,495</b>	<b>2,691</b>	<b>68,186</b>	<b>\$68,185</b>	<b>-\$14,611</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>											
10	601	Salaries and Wages - Employees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
11	603	Salaries and Wages - Officers	0	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	2,400		\$0
12	604	Employee Pension & Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
13	610	Purchased Water	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
14	611	Telephone/Communications	122	118	240	122	244	0	244		\$4
15	615	Purchased Power	16,582	418	17,000	1,188	17,770	0	17,770		\$770
16	618	Chemical / Treatment Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
17	619	Office Supplies	1,388	682	2,070	(752)	636	0	636		-\$1,434
18	619.1	Postage	819	329	1,148	364	1,183	0	1,183		\$35
19	620	O&M Materials/Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
20	621	Repairs to Water Plant	1,581	875	2,456	1,738	3,319	0	3,319		\$863
21	631	Contract Svcs - Engineering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
22	632	Contract Svcs - Accounting	2,390	1,894	4,284	710	3,100	0	3,100		-\$1,184
23	633	Contract Svcs - Legal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
24	634	Contract Svcs - Management Fees	10,084	4,316	14,400	3,519	13,603	0	13,603		-\$797
25	635	Contract Svcs - Testing	820	1,603	2,423	1,093	1,913	0	1,913		-\$510
26	636	Contract Svcs - Labor	4,568	432	5,000	(4,120)	448	0	448		-\$4,552
27	637	Contract Svcs - Billing/Collection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
28	638	Contract Svcs - Meter Reading	519	3,081	3,600	2,844	3,363	0	3,363		-\$237
29	639	Contract Svcs - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
30	641	Rental of Building/Real Property	4,373	(2,886)	1,487	(4,174)	199	0	199		-\$1,288
31	642	Rental of Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
32	643	Small Tools	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
33	648	Computer/Electronic Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
34	650	Transportation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
35	656	Vehicle Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
36	657	General Liability Insurance	2,016	104	2,120	0	2,016	0	2,016		-\$104
37	658	Workers' Comp Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
38	659	Insurance - Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
39	660	Public Relations/Advertising	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
40	666	Amortz. of Rate Case	0	0	0	213	213	0	213		\$213
41	667	Gross Revenue Fee (PUC)	154	11	165	0	154	7	161		-\$4
42	668	Water Resource Conservation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
43	670	Bad Debt Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
44	671	Cross Connection Control Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
45	672	System Capacity Dev Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
46	673	Training and Certification	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
47	674	Consumer Confidence Report	200	0	200	0	200	0	200		\$0
48	675	General Expense	0	0	0	789	789	0	789		\$789
49		<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	<b>45,616</b>	<b>13,377</b>	<b>58,993</b>	<b>5,933</b>	<b>51,549</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>51,555</b>		<b>-\$7,438</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUE DEDUCTIONS</b>											
50	403	Depreciation Expense	4,479	221	4,700	544	5,023	0	5,023		\$323
51	407	Amortization Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
52	408.11	Property Tax	1,442	5,758	7,200	3,249	4,691	0	4,691		-\$2,509
53	408.12	Payroll Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
54	408.13	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
55	409.11	Oregon Income Tax	864	36	900	(585)	279	177	455	455	-\$445
56	409.10	Federal Income Tax	1,408	92	1,500	(856)	552	350	903	903	-\$597
57		<b>TOTAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>53,809</b>	<b>19,484</b>	<b>73,293</b>	<b>8,285</b>	<b>62,094</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>62,628</b>		<b>-\$10,665</b>
58		<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>5,076</b>	<b>4,428</b>	<b>9,504</b>	<b>(1,675)</b>	<b>3,427</b>	<b>2,131</b>	<b>5,558</b>	<b>5,558</b>	<b>-\$3,946</b>
59	101	Utility Plant in Service	148,096		148,096	(36,341)	111,755		111,755		-\$36,341
60		Less:									
61	108.1	Depreciation Reserve	63,430		63,430	(5,885)	57,545		57,545		-\$5,885
62	271	Contributions in Aid of Const			0	0	0		0		\$0
63	272	Amortization of CIAC			0	0	0		0		\$0
64	281	Accumulated Deferred Income Tax			0	0	0		0		\$0
65		Net Utility Plant	84,666	0	84,666	(30,456)	54,210	0	54,210		-\$30,456
66		Plus: (working capital)			84,666		54,210		54,210		
67	151	Materials and Supplies Inventory		0	0	0	0	0	0		\$0
68		Working Cash (Total Op Exp /12)	3,801	1,115	4,916	495	4,296	0	4,296		-\$620
69		<b>TOTAL RATE BASE</b>	<b>88,467</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>89,582</b>	<b>(29,961)</b>	<b>58,506</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58,506</b>		<b>-\$31,076</b>
70		Rate of Return	5.74%		10.61%		5.86%		9.50%		

Company	Staff
number of customer	187                      213
op/exp/cust/year	\$315                              \$242
Cash Flow	\$14,204                              \$10,582



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**SEVENTH MOUNTAIN GOLF VILLAGE WATER  
 COMPANY**

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 Portland OR 97201

(503) 222-2900

Serving water in the vicinity of  
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**SCHEDULE NO. 1**

**RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND IRRIGATION METERED RATES**

Available: To customers of the Utility at Bend, Oregon, and vicinity.

Applicable: To residential, commercial, and irrigation customers.

**Base Rate**

Service Meter Size	Monthly Base Rate	Usage Allowance	Unit of Measure
1 inch and ¾ inch meters	\$13.86	N/A	cubic feet
2 inch meters	\$27.72	N/A	cubic feet

**Commodity Usage Rate**

Commodity Rate		Number of Units	Unit of Measure	Base Usage Allowance	Unit of Measure
\$0.59	Per	100	cubic feet	N/A	cubic feet

Special Provisions:

1. These rates are based on continuous service. Discontinuation of service may not be employed to avoid monthly charges for service. See Rule No. 26, Voluntary Discontinuance.

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**SCHEDULE NO. 2**

**MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES**

This schedule lists the miscellaneous charges included in the utility's Rules and Regulations; refer to the appropriate rules for an explanation of charges and conditions under which they apply.

Connection Charge for New Service (Rule No. 9)

Standard 1-inch service	At cost (includes meter)
Nonstandard 1 inch service	At cost (includes meter)
Larger than 1-inch	At cost (includes meter)
Standard Irrigation hookup	At cost (includes meter)

Meter Test (Rule No. 21)

First test within 12-month period	N/C
Second test within 12-month period	\$25.00

Pressure Test (Rule No. 40)

First test within 12-month period	N/C
Second test within 12-month period	\$25.00

Late-Payment Charge (Rule No. 22)

Charged on amounts more than 30 days past due	Pursuant to OAR 860-036-0130 (as of 1/1/08 – 1.7%)
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Deposit for Service (Rule No.)

Pursuant to OAR 860-036-0040(2)	Pursuant to OAR 860-036-0050 (as of 1/1/08 – 4%)
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Returned-Check Charge (Rule No. 23)

\$25.00 each occurrence

Trouble-Call Charge (Rule No. 36)

During normal office hours	\$50.00 per hour
After normal working hours on special request	\$75.00 per hour

Disconnection/Reconnect Charge (Rule No. 28 & 29)

During normal office hours	\$25.00
After normal office hours on special request	\$35.00

Unauthorized Restoration of Service (Rule No. 30)

Reconnection charge plus costs

Damage/Tampering Charge (Rule No. 34)

At cost

Disconnect-Visit Charge (Rule No. 29)

\$25.00

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Rule 1: Jurisdiction of the Commission**

The Rules and Regulations herein shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon.

**Rule 2: Definitions**

- A. "Utility" shall mean Seventh Mountain Golf Village Water Company (SMGV).
- B. "Applicant" shall mean any person, business, or organization who applies for service or reapplies for service at a new existing location after service has been discontinued, except as noted in the definition of "Customer."
- C. "Commission" shall mean the Public Utility Commission of Oregon.
- D. "Customer" shall mean any person, business, or organization who has applied for, been accepted to receive, or is currently receiving service. A customer who voluntarily discontinues service at the same or different premises within 20 (twenty) days after discontinuance retains customer status.
- E. "Residential customer premises" shall mean any dwelling and its land including, but not limited to, a house, apartment, condominium, townhouse, cottage, cabin, mobile home, or trailer house.
- F. "Commercial customer premises" shall mean any premises at which a customer carries on any major activity of gaining a livelihood or performing a public service. Such activity may be of a business, industrial, professional, or public nature.
- G. "Main" shall mean the pipe laid in the street, alley, or other right-of-way for the distribution of water to customers. It shall not include service lines.
- H. "Service connection" shall mean the pipe, stops, fittings, meter, and meter box laid from the main to the property line of the premises served.
- I. "Customer line" shall mean the pipe, stops, and fittings leading from the property line to the premises served.
- J. Point of Delivery is the property line or the outlet swivel/union of the meter defining where the service connection stops and the customer line starts.

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**APPLICATION FOR SERVICE**

Rule 3: Customer/Applicant Information (OAR 860-036-0015)

The utility shall provide or be able to provide customers or applicants with the following information:

- A. Instructions on how to read meters, either in writing or by explanation;
- B. Application and contract forms;
- C. Utility rules and regulations;
- D. Commission rules and regulations;
- E. Approved tariffs;
- F. Rights and Responsibilities Summary for Oregon Utility Consumers;
- G. Notices in foreign languages, if applicable;
- H. The utility’s business address, telephone number, and emergency telephone number; and
- I. Notices approved by the Commission.

Rule 4: Application for Service (OAR 860-036-0035)

Application for water service must be made for each individual service. The application shall identify the applicant, the premises to be served, the billing address if different, the type of use to which the water is to be put, and an agreement to conform to the Rules and Regulations of the utility as a condition for receiving such service. The applicant shall, at this time, pay any scheduled fees or deposits. An application is a request for water utility service and shall not be accepted until the applicant establishes credit as set forth in OAR 860-036-0040.

An application for water service must be made where:

- A. An applicant who has not previously been served by the water utility requests service;
- B. Service has been involuntarily discontinued in accordance with the utility and Commission rules, and service is sought;
- C. Service has been voluntarily discontinued and a request to restore service has not been made within 20 days; or
- D. There is a change in the identity of a customer, the type of use to which the water is put, or the number of premises served.

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Rule 5: Deposit for Service (OAR 860-036-0040)

In accordance with the Commission’s rules for credit establishment and deposit waiver, an applicant or a customer may be required to make a deposit to secure payment of bills for service. The deposit shall not exceed one-sixth (1/6) the amount of reasonable estimated billings for one year’s use of service at the premises during the prior year or upon the type and size of the customer’s equipment that will use the service. (OAR 860-036-0040)

The utility shall pay interest on deposits at the rate established by the Commission. After the customer has paid bills for service for 12 consecutive months without having had service discontinued for nonpayment, or more than two occasions in which a shut-off notice was issued, and the customer is not then delinquent in the payment of bills, the utility shall promptly and automatically refund the deposit plus accrued interest by issuing the customer a refund check.

Rule 6: Customer Service Line

The customer shall own and maintain the customer service line and promptly repair all breaks and leaks. The utility shall not be responsible for any damage or poor service due to inadequacy of the customer line or any portion of the customer’s plumbing. All leaks in the customer line, faucets, and all other parts of the plumbing owned or controlled by the customer shall be promptly repaired so as not to waste water.

Rule 7: Separate Control of Service

All premises supplied with water will be served through service lines so placed as to enable the utility to control the supply to each individual premises using a valve placed within and near the line of the street, the utility right-of-way, or at the meter.

Rule 8: Service Connections (OAR 860-036-0060)

The utility shall furnish and install all necessary trenching, pipe, valves, and fittings between its main line and the customer’s service line. Such installation shall be designated as the service connection. The utility shall own, operate, maintain, and replace the service connection when necessary and promptly repair all breaks and leaks. The customer shall not be responsible for any damage or poor service due to inadequacy of the service lines or any portion of the utility’s plumbing.

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Rule 9: Service Connection Charge

An applicant requesting permanent water service to premises not previously supplied with permanent water service by the utility shall be required to pay the service connection charge listed in the utility's Miscellaneous Service Charges Schedule. The service connection charge will include the meter.

Rule 10: Main Line Extension Policy (OAR 860-036-0065)

The utility shall specify the size, character, and location of pipes and appurtenances in any main line extension. Main line extensions shall normally be along streets, roads, highways, or other satisfactory rights-of-way. All construction work shall conform to all applicable rules, regulations, codes, and industry standards. Each main line extension shall normally extend along applicant's property line to the point the applicant's service line would be at a 90-degree angle to the street or main line.

Rule 11: Main Line Advances and Refunds Policy

Each new customer requesting a main line extension shall advance the utility the cost-base amount necessary to extend the main line to provide service.

**For a period of 10 years** after construction of the requested main line extension, the utility shall also collect from any additional applicants whose service connections or service lines shall connect to said main line extension an amount per foot equal to the new applicant's proportionate share of the main line extension cost for that portion used. The utility will then refund the share differential amount to those customers who previously shared the cost of said main line extension. Refunds shall not exceed the amount originally advanced.

No part of the distribution system installed prior to the request for a main line extension shall be used to calculate any customer advance or refund.

Rule 12: Types of Use

Water service may be supplied for residential, commercial, irrigation, temporary construction, special contracts, fire prevention, and other uses. The utility shall file separate rate schedules for different types of use and basis of supply.

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Rule 13: Multiple Residences

An apartment building, mobile home park, motel, trailer camp, duplex, townhouse, or any other property consisting of more than one residential unit, if served through one service line, shall be considered to be equivalent to the number of dwelling units when determining the customer count.

Rule 14: Utility Access to Private Property (OAR 860-036-0120(3)(b) and OAR 860-036-0205(3))

Customers shall provide access during reasonable hours to utility-owned service lines that extend onto the premises of the customer for the purposes of reading meters, maintenance, inspections, or removal of utility property at the time service is to be discontinued. Where the customer does not cooperate in providing reasonable access to the meter or to the premises, as required by law or to determine if a health or safety hazard exists, it is grounds for disconnection.

Rule 15: Restriction on Entering a Customer Residence (OAR 860-036-0085)

No water utility employee shall enter the residence of its customers without proper authorization except in an emergency when life or property is endangered.

**REFUSAL OF SERVICE**

Rule 16: Refusal of Service Due to Customer Accounts (OAR 860-036-0080(1-3))

The utility may refuse to serve an applicant until receipt of full payment of overdue amounts, or other obligations related to a prior account of the applicant with the utility, when the following circumstances exist:

- A. An overdue amount remains outstanding by a customer at the service address;
- B. The applicant resided at the service address indicated in (A) during the time the overdue charges were incurred; and
- C. The person indicated in (A) will reside at the location to be served under the new application.  
 (OAR 860-036-0080)

Service shall not be refused for matters not related to water service. Residential service shall not be refused due to obligations connected with nonresidential service.

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If service is refused under this rule, the utility shall inform the applicant or customer of the reasons for the refusal and of the Commission’s dispute resolution process.

Rule 17: Refusal of Service Due to Utility Facilities (OAR 860-036-0080(7))

The utility shall not accept an application for service or materially change service to a customer if the utility does not have adequate facilities or water resources to render the service applied for, or if the desired service is of a character that is likely to unfavorably affect reasonable service to other customers.

For refusal of service under this rule, the utility shall provide a written letter of refusal to the applicant informing applicant that the details upon which the utility’s decision was based may be requested. A copy of such notice will be sent to the Commission. The details will include, but not be limited to:

- A. Current capacity and load measured in gallons or cubic feet per minute;
- B. Current capacity and load measured in pounds per square inch;
- C. Cost to the utility for additional capacity in order to provide the additional service; and
- D. Information regarding the appeal process of the utility’s refusal to provide service is available through the Commission’s dispute resolution process pursuant to OAR 860-036-0025.

Rule 18: Refusal of Service Due to Customer Facilities (OAR 860-036-0080(4-6))

The utility shall refuse service to an applicant or customer whose facilities do not comply with applicable plumbing codes or, if in the best judgment of the utility, are of such a character that safe and satisfactory service cannot be given.

If service is refused under this rule, the utility will provide written notification to the customer within 10 working days stating the reason(s) for refusal and providing information regarding the Commission’s complaint process. A copy of the notification will also be sent to the Commission.

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**METERS**

Rule 19: Utility Meters (OAR 860-036-0105)

The utility shall own, maintain, and operate all meters. Meters placed in service shall be adequate in size and design for the type of service, set at convenient locations, accessible to the utility, subject to the utility’s control, and placed in a meter box or vault between the street curb and property line or on the customer’s property. Each meter box or vault shall be provided with a suitable cover.

Where additional meters are furnished by the utility or relocated for the convenience of the customer, a reasonable charge may be made in accordance with a schedule approved by the Commission.

The water utility shall have the right to set meters or other devices for the detection and prevention of fraud or waste without notice to the customer.

Each customer shall provide the utility with regular access to the meter on the customer’s property. Failure to permit access at reasonable times and after reasonable notice by the utility requesting access is grounds for disconnection. (OAR 860-036-0120) Should damage result to the meter from molesting, tampering, or willful neglect on the part of the customer, the utility shall repair or replace the meter and may bill the customer for the reasonable cost. (OAR 860-036-0105(6))

Rule 20: Meter Testing (OAR 860-036-0110)

The meter shall be tested prior to or within 30 (thirty) days of installation to determine it is accurate to register not more than 2 percent error. No meter shall be allowed to remain in service if it registers an error in excess of 2 percent under normal operating conditions. The utility shall maintain a record of all meter tests and results. Meter test result records shall include:

- A. Information necessary to identify the meter;
- B. Reason for making the test;
- C. Date of test;
- D. Method of testing;
- E. Meter readings;
- F. Test results; and
- G. Any other information required to permit convenient checking of methods employed.

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Rule 21: Customer-Requested Meter Test (OAR 860-036-0115)

A customer may request that the utility test the service meter; such test shall be made within 20 working days of the receipt of such request at no cost to the customer. The customer has the right to be present during said test, which is to be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time. A written report shall be provided to the customer stating:

- A. Customer's name;
- B. Date of the customer's request;
- C. Address at which the meter has been installed;
- D. Meter identification number;
- E. Date of actual test; and
- F. Test results.

If a customer requests a meter test more often than once in any 12-month period, the deposit listed on the Miscellaneous Service Charges Schedule may be required to recover the cost of the test. If the meter is found to register more than 2 percent fast under conditions of normal operation, the utility shall refund the deposit to the customer.

**BILLING**

Rule 22: Billing Information/Late-Payment Charge (OAR 860-036-0120, OAR 860-036-0125, and OAR 860-036-0130)

Bills are due and payable when rendered by deposit in the mail or other reasonable means of delivery. As near as practical, meters shall be read at monthly intervals on the corresponding day of each meter reading or billing period. The bill shall be rendered immediately thereafter.

Concerning customers residing in the Elkai Woods Homeowners Association (EWHO) and Elkai Woods Fractional Homeowners Association (EWFHOA), collectively the HOAs, the utility will provide copies of individual bills to customers and provide consolidated bills in order to allow the HOAs to make one consolidated payment for their respective members.

Although OAR 860-036-0120(3) requires water utilities to bill at monthly intervals; a utility may request upon application special authority by the Commission to bill at intervals other than monthly.

The late-payment charge determined by the Commission and listed on the Miscellaneous Service Charges Schedule shall be applied to all overdue balances at the time of preparing the subsequent months' bill or balances owing that are 30 days old.

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**All bills become delinquent if not paid within 15 days** of the date of transmittal of the bill. (OAR 860-036-0125 requires a minimum of 15 days.) If permitted to become delinquent, water service may be terminated after proper notice as provided in Rule 29, Disconnection/Reconnection Visit Charge.

All water service bills shall show:

- A. Beginning and ending meter readings for the billing period (when meter reading commences);
- B. Beginning and ending dates of the period of service to which the bill applies;
- C. For all metered bills, beginning and ending meter readings for the period for which the bill is rendered;
- D. Number of units of service supplied stated in gallons or cubic feet;
- E. Schedule number under which the bill was computed;
- F. Delinquent date of the bill;
- G. Total amount due; and
- H. Any other information necessary for the computation of the bill.

Rule 23: Returned-Check Charge

The returned-check charge listed on the Miscellaneous Service Charges Schedule shall be billed for each occasion a customer submits a check for payment that is not honored, for any reason, by a bank or other financial institution.

Rule 24: Prorating of Bills

Initial and final bills will be prorated according to the number of days service was rendered and on the basis of a 31-day month. For metered services, the meter will be read upon opening and closing a customer's account. Consumption will be charged at scheduled rates. Any minimum monthly charge will be prorated.

Rule 25: Adjustment of Bills (860-036-0135)

When an underbilling or overbilling occurs, the utility shall provide written notice to the customer detailing the circumstances, period of time, and the amount of the adjustment. If it can be shown that the error was due to an identifiable cause, the date of which can be fixed, the overcharge or undercharge shall be computed back to such date. If no date can be fixed, the utility shall refund the overcharge or rebill the undercharge for no more than six months' usage. In no event shall an

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overbilling or underbilling be for more than three years' usage. No billing adjustment shall be required if a meter registers less than 2 percent error under conditions of normal operation.

When a customer is required to repay an underbilling, the customer shall be entitled to enter into a time-payment agreement without regard to whether the customer already participates in such an agreement. If the customer and the utility cannot agree upon payment terms, the Commission shall establish terms and conditions to govern the repayment obligation. The utility shall provide written notice advising the customer of the opportunity to enter into a time-payment agreement and of the Commission's complaint process.

**DISCONNECTION OF WATER SERVICE**

Rule 26: Voluntary Discontinuance (OAR 860-036-0210)

Except for emergencies, customers who (for any reason) wish to have service discontinued shall provide the utility with at least five days' advance notice of the requested date of discontinuance of service. Until the utility receives such notice, the customer shall be held responsible for all service rendered. Should the customer wish to recommence service within 12 months at the same premises, the customer will be required to pay the customary minimum monthly charge as if service had been continuous. The reconnection charge listed on the Miscellaneous Service Charges Schedule will be applicable at the time of reconnection.

Rule 27: Emergency Disconnection (OAR 860-036-0215)

The utility may terminate service in emergencies when life or property is endangered without following the procedures set forth in OAR 860-036-0245. Immediately thereafter, the utility will notify the customer and the Commission. When the emergency termination was through no fault of the customer, there shall be no charge made for restoration of service.

Rule 28: Disconnection of Water Service Charge for Cause (OAR 860-036-0205 and 0245)

When a customer fails to comply with the utility's rules and regulations, or permits a bill or charge for regulated services to become delinquent (except for nonpayment of a time-payment agreement\*), the utility shall give at least five days' written notice before water may be shut off. The notice shall state:

A. The reason(s) for the proposed disconnection;

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- B. The earliest date for disconnection;
- C. The amount to be paid to avoid disconnection;
- D. An explanation of the time-payment provision of OAR 860-036-0125;
- E. Information regarding the Commission’s dispute resolution process; and
- F. The Commission’s Consumer Services toll-free number, 1-800-522-2404.

Prior to disconnection on the day that the water utility expects to disconnect service, the utility must make a good-faith effort to physically contact the customer to be disconnected or an adult at the customer’s premise to be disconnected to advise the customer or adult of the proposed disconnection. If contact is not made, the utility shall leave a notice in a conspicuous place at the customer’s premise informing the customer that service has been or is about to be disconnected. The utility shall document its efforts to provide notice and make that documentation available to the customer upon request.

Service shall not be shut off for nonemergencies on a Friday or the day of a state- or utility-recognized holiday or the day prior to such holiday. (OAR 860-036-0220)

The utility shall not disconnect residential service due to the failure to pay or meet obligations associated with nonresidential service. (OAR 860-036-0225)

A water utility may not disconnect residential service for nonpayment if a customer enters into a written time-payment plan. The utility will offer such customers a choice of payment agreements between a levelized-payment plan and an equal-pay arrearage plan or some other mutually agreeable alternate payment arrangement agreed to in writing. (OAR 860-036-0125)

\*When a customer fails to comply with the terms of a written time-payment agreement between the customer and the utility, or the utility permits a time-payment agreement charge to become delinquent, the utility shall give at least 15 days’ written notice before the water may be shut off.

Rule 29: Reconnection Charge and Disconnection Visit Charge (OAR 860-036-0080 and 0245(7))

Service shall not be restored until the utility’s rules and regulations are complied with and/or payment is made in the amount overdue and any additional disconnection, reconnection, or disconnection visit charges incurred as listed on the Miscellaneous Service Charges Schedule are paid.

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Rule 30: Unauthorized Restoration of Service

After the water has been disconnected or shut off at the curb stop or at the meter, if any person not authorized by the utility should turn it on, the water service line may be disconnected without notice. Service shall not be reconnected until all arrearages, all cost-of-service disconnection and reconnection, and the reconnection charge listed on the Miscellaneous Service Charges Schedule are paid in full.

Rule 31: Unauthorized Use

No person shall be allowed to make connection to the utility mains, or to make any alteration to service connections, or to turn a curb stop off or on to any premises, without written permission of the utility. Meter tampering, diverting service, or any other unauthorized use of service will automatically cause a disconnection of the water service and meter removal. All fees, costs of disconnection and reconnection, past-due billings, and service charges listed on the Miscellaneous Service Charges Schedule must be paid in full before any service is restored. An advance deposit for restoration of service may be required.

Rule 32: Interruption of Service (OAR 860-036-0075)

The utility shall have the right to shut off the water supply temporarily for repairs and other necessary purposes. The utility shall use all reasonable and practicable measures to notify affected customers in advance of such discontinuance of service except in the case of emergency repairs. The utility shall not be liable for any inconvenience suffered by the customer or damage to the customer's property arising from such discontinuance of service.

The utility shall keep a record of all service interruptions affecting its whole system or a major section thereof, including the time and date of interruption, duration, and cause or purpose of interruption.

Rule 33: Water Supply/Usage Restrictions (OAR 860-036-0325)

The utility shall exercise due diligence to furnish a continuous and adequate supply of water to its customers. If water restrictions are necessary to equitably apportion its available water supply

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among its customers with due regard to public health and safety, the utility shall provide written notification to its customers and the Commission including:

- A. Reason for the restriction;
- B. Nature and extent of the restriction;
- C. Effective date of the restriction; and
- D. Probable date of termination of such restriction.

Rule 34: Damages/Tampering

Should damage result to any of the utility’s property from molesting or willful neglect by the customer to a meter or meter box located in the customer’s building, the utility will repair or replace such equipment and will bill the customer for the costs incurred.

**SERVICE QUALITY**

Rule 35: System Maintenance (OAR 860-036-0305)

The utility shall have and maintain its entire plant, distribution system, and hydrants in such condition that it will furnish safe, adequate, and reasonable continuous service. The utility shall inspect its facilities in such manner and with such frequency as may be necessary to ensure a reasonably complete knowledge of its condition and adequacy at all times.

The utility shall keep such records of all routine maintenance as considered necessary for the proper maintenance of its system, including regular flushing schedules, exercising of valves, and valve inspections.

Rule 36: Trouble Call

The trouble-call charge listed on the Miscellaneous Service Charges Schedule may be billed whenever a customer requests that the utility visit the customer’s premises to remedy a service problem and the problem is due to the customer’s facilities.

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Rule 37: Water Purity (OAR 860-036-0310)

The utility shall deliver water for domestic purposes free from bodily injurious physical elements and disease-producing bacteria and shall cause such tests to be made and precautions taken as will ensure the constant purity of its supply.

The utility shall keep a record of all water quality testings, results, monitoring, and reports.

The utility shall deliver domestic water that is reasonably free from elements that cause physical damage to customer property such as pipes, valves, appliances, and personal property. A water supply that causes such damage will be remedied until the conditions are such as to not reasonably justify the necessary investment.

Rule 38: Water Pressure (OAR 860-036-0315)

Each water utility shall maintain pressure at a minimum of 20 pounds per square inch (psi) for health reasons to each customer at all times and not exceed a maximum of 125 psi. The 20 psi and 125 psi standards are not presumed to be adequate service and do not restrict the authority of the Commission to require improvements where water pressure or flow is inadequate.

In general, 40 psi of water pressure in the water mains is usually adequate for the purposes of this rule. Adequate pressure may vary depending on each individual water system and its customers' circumstances. In the case of a dispute, the Commission will determine the appropriate water pressure for the water utility.

Rule 39: Pressure Surveys (OAR 860-036-0320)

The utility shall have a permanently placed pressure gauge located on a main that is representative of the system's pressure. A portable gauge in good working condition shall be available for checking pressure conditions in any part of the distribution area.

Rule 40: Customer-Requested Pressure Test (OAR 860-036-0320)

Upon customer request, the utility will perform a water pressure test within 20 working days of the request at no cost to the customer. If the customer requests more than one pressure test within any 12-month period, a deposit to recover the reasonable cost of the additional test may be required of

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the customer. The deposit shall be returned if the pressure test indicates less than 20 psi or more than 125 psi. The customer or designated representative has the right to be present at the pressure test, and said test shall be conducted at a mutually agreeable time.

For metered service, the pressure will be tested at a point adjacent to the meter on the customer's service line. For nonmetered service, the pressure will be tested at the customer's service line or hose bibb or other reasonable point likely to best reflect the actual service pressure.

Rule 41: Maps/Records (OAR 860-036-0335)

The utility shall keep on file current maps and records of the entire plant showing size, location, character, and date of installation of major plant items, including shut-off valves.

Rule 42: Utility Line Location (One Call Program) (OAR 860-036-0345)

The utility and its customers will comply with the requirements of OAR 952-001-0010 through and including OAR 952-001-0090 (One Call Program) regarding identification and notification of underground facilities.

Rule 43: Cross Connection/Backflow Prevention Program

*Insert the utility's cross connection/backflow prevention program as required by law.*

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