ORDER NO. 01 - 173

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FEB 14 2001

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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DISPOSITION: RATES PERMITTED TO GO INTO EFFECT

On January 4, 2001, the Commission issued Order No. 01-074 adopting a stipulation between South Coast Water District (South Coast) and PUC Staff. The Commission concluded that the rates agreed upon in the stipulation are reasonable and just. The Commission ordered, however, that the rates could become effective only when the company met the conditions set out in the stipulation. Included in those conditions are a requirement that the company's affiliated interest arrangements be approved by the Commission and that certain steps to improve water quality be taken.

At its public meeting on February 6, 2001, the Commission approved the application for a contract for affiliated services submitted by South Coast.

The Commission's Staff has reviewed information supplied by South Coast which establishes the following:

- 1. The "boil water" notice has been rescinded by the Oregon Health Division.
- 2. The Oregon Health Division has approved South Coast's corrosion control system and the company has submitted one round of lead and copper test results to OHD.

Based on this information, Staff concludes that South Coast has met all the requirements of the stipulation. Staff recommends that the Commission allow the rates approved in the stipulation to become effective.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

The Commission concludes that South Coast has met the requirements of the stipulation. The rates we approved in Order No. 01-074 should be allowed to go into effect.

## **ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that the rates set out in the stipulation incorporated in Order No. 01-074 may become effective upon issuance of this order.

Made, entered, and effective FEB 14 2001

Ron Eachus Chairman Roger Hamilton Commissioner

Joan H. Smith
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 with 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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