

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: July 6, 2004**

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** July 17, 2004

DATE: June 29, 2004

TO: Lee Sparling through Marc Hellman and Rebecca Hathhorn

FROM: Kathy Miller

SUBJECT: ROATS WATER SYSTEM, INC: (Advice No. 04-12) Revises Schedule 3, Miscellaneous Service Charges, Connection Charge for New Service from \$300 to \$450.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Pursuant to ORS 757.210 and 757.220, and OAR 860-036-0030(1)(c), Staff recommends approval of Roats Water System Inc.'s (Roats) revised Miscellaneous Service Charges tariff, increasing the standard service connection charge (service connection) from \$300 to \$450.

DISCUSSION:

Roats filed a revised Miscellaneous Service Charges tariff on June 17, 2004, for approval of a service connection of \$450, in accordance with OAR 860-036-0030(1)(c).

The Commission's adoption of AR 471, effective March 17, 2004, revised, in part, OAR 860-036-0030(1)(c), which increases the maximum service connection charge a utility may bill a new customer from \$300 to \$450. The service connection charge is assessed when, in order to provide service, the utility must provide a connection between the utility's main line and the customer's meter, typically located at the customer's property line, or the customer service line when service is not metered.

Staff has reviewed the tariff filing and finds it fair and reasonable and in compliance with the PUC's water rules.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Roats Water System Inc.'s request to increase its Miscellaneous Service Charges, Schedule No. 3, First Revised Sheet No. 4, Connection Charge for New Service to \$450 be approved.