

ITEM NO. CA9

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: August 17, 2004**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE August 21, 2004

DATE: August 10, 2004

TO: Lee Sparling through Marc Hellman and Rebecca Trujillo

FROM: Renee Sloan

SUBJECT: SOUTH COAST WATER DISTRICT INC.: (Advice No. 04-20) Revises Schedule 4, Miscellaneous Service Charges, Connection Charges for New Service from \$300 to \$450.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 757.210 and 757.220, and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-036-0030(1)(c), Staff recommends the Commission approve South Coast Water District Inc.'s revised Miscellaneous Service Charges tariff, increasing the standard service connection charge, including irrigation hookup (service connection) from \$300 to \$450.

DISCUSSION:

South Coast Water District Inc. filed a revised Miscellaneous Service Charges tariff on July 22, 2004, for approval of a service connection of \$450, in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rule 860-036-0030(1)(c).

On March 17, 2004, the Commission's adoption of AR 471 (Order No. 04-154), revised, in part, OAR 860-036-0030(1)(c), increasing 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:

South Coast Water District Inc.'s request to increase its Miscellaneous Service Charges, Schedule No. 4, Second Revised Sheet No. 6, Connection Charge for New Service to \$450 be approved.