

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: September 21, 2004**

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** October 3, 2004

DATE: September 13, 2004

TO: Lee Sparling through Marc Hellman and Rebecca Trujillo

FROM: Renee Sloan

SUBJECT: A & G LLC WATER & SEWER: (Advice No. 04-27) Revises Schedule 6, Miscellaneous Service Charges, Connection Charge 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 that the Commission approve A&G LLC Water & Sewer's (A&G) revised Miscellaneous Service Charges tariff, increasing the standard service connection charge, including irrigation hookup (service connection) from \$300 to \$450.

DISCUSSION:

A&G filed a revised Miscellaneous Service Charges tariff on September 3, 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 (Order No. 04-154) on March 17, 2004, 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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A&G LLC Water & Sewer's request to increase its Miscellaneous Service Charges, Schedule No. 6, First Revised Sheet No. 8, Connection Charge for New Service to \$450 be approved.