

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: October 19, 2004**

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** October 23, 2004

DATE: October 12, 2004

TO: Lee Sparling through Marc Hellman and Rebecca Trujillo

FROM: Renee Sloan

SUBJECT: LAKESHORE WATER DISTRICT: (Advice No. 04-30) Revises Schedule 4, 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 Lakeshore Water District's (Lakeshore) revised Miscellaneous Service Charges tariff, increasing the standard service connection charge (service connection) from \$300 to \$450.

DISCUSSION:

Lakeshore Water District (fka Marina Water Company) filed a revised Miscellaneous Service Charges tariff on September 23, 2004, for approval of a service connection of \$450, in accordance with OAR 860-036-0030(1)(c). On October 11, 2004, Lakeshore filed a revised Schedule 4, with an LSN.

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.

Marina Water Company was a rate regulated water utility when it was purchased by Lakeshore in 2000 (UP 191, Order No. 01-1040). Lakeshore has not filed a rate case since the purchase of Marina, so all tariffs for the Company remain as filed by Marina. The rates filed by Marina are in effect for current Lakeshore customers. For

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consistency, the revised Miscellaneous Service Charges tariff in this item shows Marina as the company name. When Lakeshore requests to change rates in the future, the tariffs will be changed to reflect the new company name.

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

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Lakeshore Water District's request to increase its Miscellaneous Service Charges in PUC Oregon No. 2, Schedule No. 4, First Revised Sheet No. 6, Connection Charge for New Service to \$450 be approved.