

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of )  
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RUNNING Y UTILITIES, INC. ) PREHEARING CONFERENCE REPORT  
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Request for a General Rate Revision. )

**DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED**

A Public Comment Open House and Prehearing Conference were held in Klamath Falls, Oregon, on December 8, 2008. In attendance were Lori Black, representing Running Y Utilities, Inc. (Running Y or the Company); Jason Jones from the Oregon Department of Justice, representing the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) Staff; and Renee Sloan of Commission Staff (Staff). Approximately four of Running Y's customers attended the Public Comment Open House portion of the event.

**Public Comment.** During the Public Comment Open House, customers raised concerns about the size of Running Y's proposed rate increase, given the state of the economy. They also expressed preferences for rates collected through usage rather than base rates, and sought service quality improvements.

**Schedule.** The following schedule, proposed by Staff and Running Y, was adopted:

Deadline for Petitions to Intervene	December 29, 2008
Settlement Conference <sup>1</sup>	February 6, 2009
Second Settlement Conference (if necessary)	March 6, 2009
Staff and Intervenors file Direct Testimony	April 9, 2009
Company files Rebuttal Testimony	April 23, 2009
Deadline for Data Requests	April 27, 2009
Deadline for Responses to Data Requests	April 29, 2009
Evidentiary Hearing (if necessary)	May 1, 2009
Target Date for Commission Order	May 29, 2009.

<sup>1</sup> Settlement Conferences and evidentiary Hearing to be held in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Staff will provide notice to the parties of times and specific locations for Settlement Conferences.

**Issues.** Potential issues for examination include Running Y’s revenues and expenses; Running Y’s proposed adjustments to existing rates; the appropriate rate of return, rate spread, and rate design for the Company; the appropriate determinations of utility plant and rate base; and excess capacity issues.

**Participation.** Any person or entity seeking to intervene and participate as a Party in this case should file a petition with the Commission. The deadline for filing petitions to intervene is December 29, 2008. Forms can be found on the Commission’s website at [http://www.puc.state.or.us/PUC/admin\\_hearings/intvene.pdf](http://www.puc.state.or.us/PUC/admin_hearings/intvene.pdf).

As an alternative to formal intervention, persons or entities interested in this proceeding may request status as an “Interested Person,” which will allow them to receive copies of any Commission orders, rulings, notices, or other documents issued by the presiding officer (Administrative Law Judge) in this case. Parties may contact the Commission’s Administrative Hearing Division at (503) 378-6607 to be added to the Interested Person list.

Dated in Salem, Oregon, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.

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Lisa D. Hardie  
Administrative Law Judge