

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UW 174

In the Matter of

GOVERNMENT CAMP WATER
COMPANY, INC.,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTION TO MODIFY SCHEDULE GRANTED

On May 22, 2018, Government Camp Water Company and the Commission Staff filed a joint motion requesting that the procedural schedule be modified to accommodate a “redirection” of the company’s resources while it makes necessary filings seeking Commission approval of several transactions that have implications for the rate case.¹ The company and Staff agree that the company will make these additional filings by June 5, 2018.

The modified schedule is necessary to enable the Commission to consider and make a decision regarding these transactions before making its decision in the rate case. According to the parties, this approach is reasonable because each of the transactions may have a significant effect on the inputs to and outcome of the rate case.

When Government Camp filed its application, the Commission suspended the rate filing for nine months, which expires on October 31, 2018. To accommodate the revised procedural schedule Government Camp requests that we extend the tariff suspension period by five months, to March 31, 2019.² The parties expect that the extension of the suspension period will accrue to the benefit of the customers by delaying the likely rate increase.³

¹ The transactions include (1) the 2014 transfer of the company to a new owner; (2) an affiliated interest lease for office space; (3) an affiliated interest lease for storage space; and (4) an affiliated interest agreement pertaining to the new owner’s salary.

² Under ORS 757.215(2) the utility and the Commission may enter into a “written stipulation “at any time extending the period of suspension.

³ The original motion was signed only by Staff. Because the statute requires that the utility consent to the extension of the suspension period, Staff is directed the parties to refile its motion with the company’s signature included.

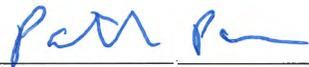
In their motion, Staff and Government Camp propose the following procedural schedule:

Activity	Date
Affiliated Interest/Transfer Applications	June 5, 2018
Staff Presents Affiliated Interest/Transfer Applications at Public Meeting	August 28, 2018
Replacement Staff Direct Testimony	September 7, 2018
Settlement Conference	September 18, 2018
Company Reply Testimony	September 28, 2018
Staff Rebuttal Testimony	October 19, 2018
Company Surrebuttal Testimony	November 9, 2018
Cross Examination Statements and Exhibits	November 28, 2018
Evidentiary Hearing	December 11, 2018
Simultaneous Opening Briefs	January 4, 2019
Simultaneous Reply Briefs	January 25, 2019
Target Date for Commission Decision	March 22, 2019
New Suspension Expiration Date	March 31, 2019

They ask for expedited consideration of their motion, given that the impending due date for the Company's testimony is May 24, 2018.

For good cause shown, I grant the motion the motion to modify the procedural schedule. The request to extend the tariff suspension period is a matter between the company and the Commission and will be addressed in a separate order once Staff refiles the motion as noted above..

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2018, at Salem, Oregon.



Patrick Power
Administrative Law Judge