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Company Name: Harrison-Ray Water Company, Inc.

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Recommendation

Take no action on this filing at this time.

Discussion

Today's presentation allows customers or other parties to present comments to the commission. Staff will make its recommendation to the commission on this filing at the open meeting on September 26, 2007.

On August 29, 2007, Harrison-Ray Water Company, Inc., (Harrison-Ray or the company) filed a general rate increase that will generate \$65,000 (36 percent) in additional revenue per year. Harrison-Ray's last general rate increase became effective January 1997. Harrison-Ray serves 205 customers near Burbank located in Walla Walla County. In this filing, the company seeks to cover increasing operational costs and capital improvement expenses. Harrison-Ray also seeks to update tariff language and adjust ancillary charges for reconnection, disconnection, late payment, account setup, NSF check charge, and water availability letter charge. In addition, Harrison-Ray proposes to add cross-connection control language and charges to its tariff. All customers on the water system are metered. The proposed rate design removes the 500 cubic feet usage allowance in the base charge and adds a third usage block to help encourage conservation.

Harrison-Ray notified its customers of the rate increase by mail on August 30, 2007. The commission has received no customer comments on this filing as of September 6, 2007.

Rate Comparison

Monthly Rate	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Base Rate (¾-inch meter)	\$27.50 [*]	\$33.50 [†]
0 – 500 cu ft [‡]	\$0.00	\$0.60
501 – 1,500 cu ft	\$0.50	\$0.60
1,501 – 4,000 cu ft	\$0.50	\$1.00
4,001 – 5,000 cu ft	\$0.50	\$1.50
Over 5,000 cu ft	\$0.70	\$1.50

Monthly Rate	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Base Rate (2-inch meter)	\$146.58 [*]	\$178.56 [†]
0 – 500 cu ft [‡]	\$0.00	\$0.60
501 – 5,000 cu ft	\$0.50	\$0.60
5,001 – 7,995 cu ft	\$0.70	\$0.60
7,996 – 21,320 cu ft	\$0.70	\$1.00
Over 21,320 cu ft	\$0.70	\$1.50

Ancillary Charge	Current	Proposed
Reconnection Charge	\$50.00	\$25.00
NSF Check	\$10.00	\$25.00
Disconnection Charge	\$0.00	\$25.00
Service Visit Charge	\$0.00	\$25.00
Water Availability Letter Charge	\$0.00	\$20.00
Account Setup	\$0.00	\$15.00
Late Payment	\$0.00	2% or min \$2.50
Service Connection Charge	\$0.00	\$600.00

Commission staff has not yet completed its review of Harrison-Ray's supporting financial documents, books and records.

Conclusion

Take no action on this filing at this time.

* 500 cubic feet allowance included in base rate.

† 0 cubic feet allowance included in base rate.

‡ cu ft = cubic feet (1 cubic foot = 7.48 gallons of water), all usage rates are per 100 cubic feet of water used.