

Agenda Date: March 26, 2009
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Docket: UW-090125
Company Name: Summit View Water Works

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Recommendation

Take no action, thereby allowing the revised rates to become to become effective April 1, 2009, by operation of law.

Discussion

On January 21, 2009, Summit View Water Works (Summit View or company) filed with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) tariff revisions increasing fees for ancillary services. The company presently serves 38 customers on developed lots as well as 58 customers on undeveloped lots in the Summit View development near Kennewick in Benton County. The proposed increases in fees are prompted by increases in the company's banking fees and a need to cover administrative and field agent costs.

Staff's review of the company's operations and financial records indicated that one of the proposed rates, the fee for late payments, was excessive. The other rates filed were reasonable and supported by the company's financial records. Staff and the company reviewed the company's original filing and agreed to a revised fee for late payments. On March 3, 2009, the company filed revised rates at the staff recommended level that would generate \$128 (0.36 per cent) in additional revenue per year.

On January 28, 2009, the company notified its customers of the rate increase by mail.

Customer Comments

No customer comments have been received on this filing.

Rate Comparison

Ancillary Charge	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Revised Rate
Disconnection Visit Charge	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Reconnection Charge	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Service Visit Charge	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Late Payment Charge	2% of unpaid balance or \$1.00 minimum charge	5% of unpaid balance or \$5.00 minimum charge	2% of unpaid balance or \$2.00 minimum charge
Non-Sufficient Funds Check Charge	\$5.00	\$40.00	\$40.00

Commission staff has completed its review of the company's supporting financial documents, books and records. Staff's review shows that the expenses are reasonable and required as part of the company's operations and the revised rates and charges are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

Conclusion

Take no action, thereby allowing the revised rates to become to become effective April 1, 2009, by operation of law.