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Additional Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

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Re: **Docket No. 22-540-01**, In the Matter of the Application of Lakeview Water Corporation Corrected Application for Interim Rate Increase.

Recommendation (Approval)

The Division of Public Utilities (DPU or Division) has reviewed Lakeview Water Corporation's (Lakeview Water) Corrected Application for Interim Rate Increase. The DPU concludes that the Corrected Application is a complete filing as defined in Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-12(1)(b)(i). Additionally, the Division concludes that it substantially complies with Utah Admin. Code R746-700-50, 746-700-51, and 746-1-203(3).

The Division has reviewed the corrected interim rates requested by Lakeview Water and concludes that the corrected requested interim rate increase is reasonable and is more likely to reflect actual costs than current rates.

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Issue

On March 1, 2023, the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC or Commission) issued an Additional Action Request for the DPU to review and make recommendations concerning the completeness of Lakeview Water's Corrected Application for Interim Rate Increase and to evaluate the Corrected Application for purposes of the interim rates requested in this docket. This Additional Action Request is due "ASAP."

Discussion

Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-12 and Commission Rules R746-700-50, R746-700-51, and 746-1-203(3) list the specific filing requirements for a general rate case application for a water company. The DPU analyzed and compared the information in Lakeview Water's Corrected Application to the filing requirements and confirmed that it is a substantially complete filing.

In reference to the requested interim rates in the Corrected Application, the corrected interim rates accurately reflect the rates that were calculated and supported in Mr. Bill Duncan's Exhibit 2.5, lines 4, 8, and 9. This correction is not material enough to change the Division's recommendation that the Commission approve the interim rates that it made in its Action Request Response, dated February 22, 2023, in this docket. Based on the information filed, Lakeview Water has made an adequate prima facie showing that the requested interim rate increase is justified.

Conclusion

The DPU recommends that the PSC consider Lakeview Water's Corrected Application for Interim Rate Increase substantially complete.

The DPU also recommends that the PSC approve the Company's requested interim rates and fees as filed in Lakeview Water's Corrected Application. If approved, the effective date of the interim rates would be no later than March 17, 2023, 45 days after the Company's filing date.

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