

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Application of)
WINCHESTER HILLS WATER)
COMPANY for a Rate Increase)

DOCKET NO. 00-2176-01
REPORT AND ORDER

ISSUED: July 17, 2000

SYNOPSIS

The proposed rates appearing to be just and reasonable, the Commission approved them.

By The Commission:

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Pursuant to notice duly served, the above-captioned matter came on regularly for hearing the 30th day of May, 2000, before A. Robert Thurman, Administrative Law Judge, at the Commission Offices, Heber Wells Building, Salt Lake City, Utah. Evidence was offered and received, and the Administrative Law Judge, having been fully advised in the matter, now enters the following Report, containing proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the Order based thereon.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Winchester Hills Water Company (Applicant) is a certificated water corporation under Utah law.
- Applicant seeks rate increases in its connection fee (from \$2,000 to \$4,000); in its re-billing charges, and to impose a \$10 per month customer charge per meter. The proposed increases were unopposed after reasonable notification to customers.
- Applicant justifies the proposed increases on the need for system capital improvements and the need to establish a contingency fund for system maintenance and repair. The Division of Public Utilities, Utah Department of Commerce (DPU), does not oppose the increase.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The proposed rates appear to be just and reasonable and the minimum necessary to preserve the system's economic and physical viability. The application should be approved.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

- The proposed increases, as set forth in the application be, and they are, approved effective the date of this Order, and Applicant is authorized to publish tariffs implementing the same on one-day's notice.
- Any person aggrieved by this Order may petition the Commission for review within 20 days of the date of this Order. Failure to do so will forfeit the right to appeal to the Utah Supreme Court.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 17th day of July, 2000.

/s/ A. Robert Thurman

Administrative Law Judge

Approved and Confirmed this 17th day of July, 2000, as the Report and Order of the Public Service Commission of Utah.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Clark D. Jones, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard

Commission Secretary