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Re: Simplified Rate Case for New Glarus Light and Water Works,
Green County, Wisconsin

4100-WQ-104

Enclosed is a copy of Order issued in the above-entitled matter.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Simplified Water Rate Case for the New Glarus Light and Water Works,
Green County, Wisconsin

4100-WQ-104

ORDER

Introduction

On November 18, 2009, the New Glarus Light and Water Works (Utility) filed an application for a water rate increase under Wis. Stat. § 196.193, a Simplified Rate Case (SRC) process that does not require a hearing. Commission staff reviewed the information submitted by the Utility in support of its application and determined the water rate increase is justified as requested. The new rates will be effective February 1, 2010, and will be on file with the Commission as Amendment 27.

Findings of Fact

1. The revenue increase is calculated by multiplying the Utility's prior year's revenue from sales of utility service by the 2009 rate increase factor (3.8 percent) set by the Commission. (Wis. Stat. §§ 196.193(1)(a), (2))
2. The revenue increase combined with the Utility's prior year's net operating income results in an overall rate of return that does not exceed 7.4 percent, the Commission's 2009 established overall rate of return applicable to a municipally owned water or a municipally owned combined water and sewer public utility. (Wis. Stat. §§ 196.193(1)(b), (3))
3. The Utility shall increase its rates for general service and public fire protection uniformly by the 3.8 percent rate increase factor. (Wis. Stat. §§ 196.193(1)(c), (2))
4. The effective date of the rate increase is not less than 12 months from the effective date of an increase previously filed under the SRC process nor less than 45 days from the date the application was filed. (Wis. Stat. § 196.193(1)(d))
5. The Utility's last rate increase authorized pursuant to a hearing under Wis. Stat. § 196.20 has been in effect for at least a calendar year (i.e., January through December). (Wis. Stat. § 196.193(1)(e))

6. The Utility has less than 4,000 customers and the total of all prior rate increases granted since the last hearing under Wis. Stat. § 196.20 does not result in rates that are more than 40 percent higher than the base rates previously authorized by a hearing under § 196.20. (Wis. Stat. §§ 196.193(1)(g)-(h))

7. The utility notified all its customers of the proposed rate increase pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.193(4).

8. The Commission has not rejected the Utility's application for good cause. (Wis. Stat. § 196.193(1)(f))

Conclusion of Law

1. The Utility is in compliance with and has met the standards established by Wis. Stat. § 196.193 and is therefore entitled to a water rate increase without a hearing.

Order

1. The new water rates are effective February 1, 2010, and are on file as Amendment 27.

2. The Utility must inform each customer of the new rates authorized by this order pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 185.33(1)(f) (April 2007).

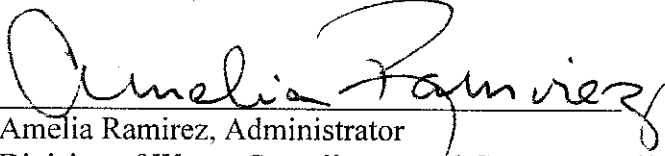
3. The Utility's current rates and rules must be available for public inspection pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 185.22 (April 2007).

4. The Utility must keep on permanent file all its previous rates, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 185.19 (April 2007).

5. This file is closed unless additional information comes to the Commission's attention which would require that this docket be re-opened.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, January 5, 2010

For the Commission:


Amelia Ramirez, Administrator
Division of Water, Compliance, and Consumer Affairs

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New Glarus Light and Water Works

Public Fire Protection Service

The annual charge for public fire protection service to the Village of New Glarus shall be \$56,012.

This service shall include the use of hydrants for fire protection service only and such quantities of water as may be demanded for the purposes of extinguishing fires within the service area. This service shall also include water used for testing equipment and training personnel. For all other purposes, the metered or other rates set forth, or as may be filed with the public Service Commission, shall apply.

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Public Fire Protection Service

Under Wis. Stat. § 196.03(3)(b), the municipality has chosen to have the utility bill the retail general service customers for public fire protection service.

This service shall include the use of hydrants for fire protection service only and such quantities of water as may be demanded for the purpose of extinguishing fires within the service area. This service shall also include water used for testing equipment and training personnel. For all other purposes, the metered or other rates set forth, or as may be filed with the Public Service Commission shall apply.

Monthly Public Fire Protection Service Charges:

5/8 - inch meter - \$	4.56	3 - inch meter - \$	68.32
3/4 - inch meter - \$	4.56	4 - inch meter - \$	113.87
1 - inch meter - \$	11.39	6 - inch meter - \$	227.73
1 1/4 - inch meter - \$	16.78	8 - inch meter - \$	363.23
1 1/2 - inch meter - \$	22.77	10 - inch meter - \$	544.28
2 - inch meter - \$	36.43	12 - inch meter - \$	726.45

Customers who are provided service under Schedules Mg-1, Ug-1, Mgt-1 and Mz-1 shall also be subject to the charges in this schedule.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

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Schedule No. Mg-1

Amendment No. 27

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

New Glarus Light and Water Works

General Service - Metered

Monthly Service Charges:

5/8 - inch meter - \$	10.36	3 - inch meter - \$	60.35
3/4 - inch meter - \$	10.36	4 - inch meter - \$	81.98
1 - inch meter - \$	13.66	6 - inch meter - \$	124.11
1 1/4 - inch meter - \$	17.31	8 - inch meter - \$	150.30
1 1/2 - inch meter - \$	21.64	10 - inch meter - \$	232.28
2 - inch meter - \$	34.16	12 - inch meter - \$	289.23

For PSC use only: base 5/8-inch meter charge for SRC purpose - 9.10

Plus Volume Charges:

First	10,000	gallons used each month - \$2.64 per 1,000 gallons
Next	56,000	gallons used each month - \$2.27 per 1,000 gallons
Over	66,000	gallons used each month - \$1.54 per 1,000 gallons

Billing: Bills for water service are rendered monthly and become due and payable upon issuance following the period for which service is rendered. A late payment charge of 3 percent but not less than 50 cents will be added to bills not paid within 20 days of issuance. This ONE-TIME 3 percent late payment charge will be applied only to any unpaid balance for the current billing period's usage. This late payment charge is applicable to all customers. The utility customer may be given a written notice that the bill is overdue no sooner than 20 days after the bill is issued and unless payment or satisfactory arrangement for payment is made within the next 10 days, service may be disconnected pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 185.

Combined Metering: Volumetric meter readings will be combined for billing if the utility for its own convenience places more than one meter on a single water service lateral. Multiple meters placed for the purpose of identifying water not discharged into the sanitary sewer are not considered for utility convenience and shall not be combined for billing. This requirement does not preclude the utility from combining readings when metering configurations support such an approach. Meter readings from individually metered separate service laterals shall not be combined for billing purposes.

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Schedule No. Upf-1

Amendment No. 22

New Glarus Light and Water Works

Private Fire Protection Service - Unmetered

Private Fire Protection Service - Unmetered - - - Upf-1

This service shall consist of permanent or continuous unmetered connections to the main for the purpose of supplying water to private fire protection systems such as automatic sprinkler systems, standpipes, and private hydrants. This service shall also include reasonable quantities of water used for testing check valves and other backflow prevention devices.

Monthly Private Fire Protection Service Demand Charges:

2-inch connection	\$ 8.40
3-inch connection	\$ 15.60
4-inch connection	\$ 26.00
6-inch connection	\$ 52.00
8-inch connection	\$ 83.00
10-inch connection	\$ 124.00
12-inch connection	\$ 180.00

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

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Schedule No. NSF-1

Amendment No. 22

New Glarus Light and Water Works

Non-Sufficient Funds Charge

A \$10.00 charge will be applied to the customer's account when a check rendered for utility service is returned for non-sufficient funds. This charge may not be in addition to, but may be inclusive of, other non-sufficient funds charges when the check was for payment of multiple services.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

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Schedule No. Mpa-1

Amendment No. 22

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

New Glarus Light and Water Works

Public Service

Water service supplied to municipal buildings, schools, sewer treatment plants, etc., shall be metered and the regular metered service rates applied.

Water used on an intermittent basis for flushing sewers, street sprinkling, flooding skating rinks, drinking fountains, etc., shall be metered where meters can be set to measure the service. Where it is impossible to measure the service, the superintendent shall estimate the volume of water used based on the pressure, size of opening, and period of time water is allowed to be drawn. The estimated quantity used shall be billed at the rate of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

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Schedule No. Ug-1

Amendment No. 22

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New Glarus Light and Water Works

General Water Service - Unmetered

Where the utility cannot immediately install its water meter, service may be supplied temporarily on an unmetered basis. Such service shall be billed at the rate of \$18.96 per month. This rate shall be applied only to single-family residential and small commercial customers and approximates the cost of 4,250 gallons of water per month under Schedule Mg-1. If it is determined by the utility that usage is in excess of 4,250 gallons of water per month, an additional charge per Schedule Mg-1 will be made for the estimated additional usage.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

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New Glarus Light and Water Works

Seasonal, Emergency, or Temporary Service

Seasonal customers* shall pay an annual seasonal service charge equal to twelve times the applicable service charge in Schedule Mg-1. Water use in any billing period shall be billed at the applicable volume rates in Schedule Mg-1 and the charge added to the annual seasonal service charge.

In addition, customers who have an additional meter pursuant to Schedule Am-1 shall also pay an annual seasonal rental charge equal to twelve times the applicable additional meter rental charge in Schedule Am-1.

Further, if service has been disconnected or a meter removed, a charge under Schedule R-1 shall be applied at the time of reconnection or meter reinstallation.

*Seasonal customers are general service customers whose use of water is normally for recurring periods of less than a year. This includes service under Schedule Mg-1 and/or Schedule Am-1.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

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Schedule No. Mz-1

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New Glarus Light and Water Works

Building and Construction Water Service

For single-family and small commercial buildings, apply the unmetered rate (Schedule Ug-1).

For large commercial, industrial, or multiple apartment buildings, a temporary metered installation shall be made and general metered rates (Schedule Mg-1) applied.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

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Schedule No. BW-1

Amendment No. 22

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New Glarus Light and Water Works

Bulk Water

All bulk water supplied from the water system through hydrants or other connections shall be metered, or at the direction of the utility, estimated. Utility personnel or a utility-approved party shall supervise the delivery of water.

Bulk water sales are:

- A. Water supplied by tank trucks or from hydrants for the purpose of extinguishing fires outside the utility's immediate service area;
- B. Water supplied by tank trucks or from hydrants for purposes other than extinguishing fires, such as irrigation or the filling of swimming pools; or,
- C. Water supplied from hydrants or other temporary connections for general service type applications. (Water supplied for construction purposes - see Schedule Mz-1.)

A charge for the volume of water used will be billed to the party using the water at ~~\$2.32~~^{2.44} per 1,000 gallons. A service charge, in addition to the volumetric charge, will be \$30.00. In addition, for hydrant meters that are in place for more than 30 days, the applicable service charge in Schedule Mg-1 will apply, prorated for the period in excess of 30 days that the meter is in place.

The water utility may require reasonable deposits for consistent application for the temporary use of its equipment under this and other rate schedules. The deposit(s) collected will be refunded upon return of the utility's equipment. Damaged or lost equipment will be repaired or replaced at the customer's expense.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

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Schedule No. Am-1

Amendment No. 22

New Glarus Light and Water Works

Additional Meter Rental Charge

If a customer requests the installation of an additional meter* to receive credit for clear water not discharged into the sanitary sewer system, or if a sewerage service customer who is not a customer of the water utility requests the installation of a meter to determine the volume of sewage discharged into the sanitary sewer system, the utility shall furnish and install this additional meter. This rate applies to single-family residential and small commercial customers. At utility discretion, it may also be applied to other customers. A rental fee shall be charged for the use of this meter and the following rates shall apply.

- 5/8 -inch meter - \$ 4.75 per month
- 3/4 -inch meter - \$ 4.75 per month
- 1 -inch meter - \$ 6.00 per month
- 1 1/4 -inch meter - \$ 7.50 per month
- 1 1/2 -inch meter - \$ 9.00 per month
- 2 -inch meter - \$ 12.00 per month

Initial Meter Installation Charge - \$35.00

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

*For this rate to apply, the additional meter must be installed on the same service lateral as the primary meter. For other configurations, Schedule Mg-1 applies.

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Schedule No. R-1

New Glarus Light and Water Works

Amendment No. 22

Reconnection Charges

	<u>During Normal Business Hours</u>	<u>After Normal Business Hours</u>
Reinstallation of meter, including valving at curb stop	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00
Valve turned on at curb stop	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00

Note: No charge for disconnection.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

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Schedule No. Cz-1

Amendment No. 22

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New Glarus Light and Water Works

Water Lateral Installation Charge

Subdivision developers shall be responsible, where the main extension has been approved by the utility, for the water service lateral installation costs from the main through the curb stop and box.

When the cost of a utility main extension is to be collected through assessment by the municipality, the actual average water lateral installation costs from the main through the curb stop and box shall be included in the assessment of the appropriate properties.

The initial water service lateral(s), not installed as part of a subdivision development or an assessable utility extension, will be installed from the main through the curb stop and box by the utility, for which the actual cost will be charged.

Billing: Same as Schedule Mg-1.

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New Glarus Light and Water Works

Water Main Extension Rule

Water mains will be extended for new customers on the following basis:

- A. Where the cost of the extension is to immediately be collected through assessment by the municipality against the abutting property, the procedure set forth under Wis. Stat. § 66.0703 will apply, and no additional customer contribution to the utility will be required.
- B. Where the municipality is unwilling or unable to make a special assessment, the extension will be made on a customer-financed basis as follows:
 - 1. The applicant(s) will advance as a contribution in aid of construction the total amount equivalent to that which would have been assessed for all property under A.
 - 2. Part of the contribution required in B.1. will be refundable. When additional customers are connected to the extended main within 10 years of the date of completion, contributions in aid of construction will be collected equal to the amount which would have been assessed under A. for the abutting property being served. This amount will be refunded to the original contributor(s). In no case will the contributions received from additional customers exceed the proportionate amount which would have been required under A., nor will it exceed the total assessable cost of the original extension.
- C. When a customer connects to a transmission main or connecting loop installed at utility expense within 10 years of the date of completion, there will be a contribution required of an amount equivalent to that which would have been assessed under A.

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Schedule No. X-3

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New Glarus Light and Water Works

Water Main Installations in Platted Subdivisions

Application for installation of water mains in regularly platted real estate development subdivisions shall be filed with the utility.

If the developer, or a contractor employed by the developer, is to install the water mains (with the approval of the utility), the developer shall be responsible for the total cost of construction.

If the utility or its contractor is to install the water mains, the developer shall be required to advance to the utility, prior to the beginning of the construction, the total estimated cost of the extension. If the final costs exceed estimated costs, an additional billing will be made for the balance of the cost due. This balance is to be paid within 30 days. If final costs are less than estimated, a refund of the overpayment will be made by the water utility.