

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET NO. UW-030410
TRANSPORTATION)	
COMMISSION,)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
TIMBERLINE VILLAGE WATER)	
COMPANY, INC.)	
)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
Respondent.)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 On March 31, 2003, Timberline Village Water Company, Inc. (Timberline Village or Company) filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as:

Third Revised Sheet No. 2 canceling Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 2;
First Revised Sheet No. 9 canceling Original Sheet No. 9;
First Revised Sheet No. 20 canceling Original Sheet No. 20;
Third Revised Sheet No. 22 canceling Second Revised Sheet No. 22;
First Revised Sheet No. 30 canceling Original Sheet No. 30; and
Original Sheets No. 34, 35, 36, and 37.
The stated effective date is May 1, 2003.

2 This filing includes a general rate case in the amount of \$53,651 (119%), including an increase in the connection charge, several new ancillary charges, and a new facilities charge of \$1,850. Timberline Village water system serves approximately 213 customers east of Packwood and is located in east Lewis County.

3 The filing would increase charges and rates for service provided by Timberline
Village. Because those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests
of the public and Timberline Village has not demonstrated that the increases
would result in rates that are fair, just and reasonable, the Commission suspends
the tariff filing and will hold public hearings if necessary to determine whether
the proposed increases are fair, just and reasonable.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of
the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate
rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public
service companies, including water companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter
80.04 RCW; and Chapter 80.28 RCW.*
- 5 (2) Timberline Village is a water company and is a public service company
subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled
meeting on April 30, 2003.
- 7 (4) The tariff revisions filed by Timberline Village on March 31, 2003, would
increase charges and rates for service provided by Timberline Village, and
might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public.
- 8 (5) Timberline Village has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revisions
would result in rates that are fair, just, and reasonable.
- 9 (6) In order to carry out the duties imposed upon the Commission by law,
and as authorized in RCW 80.04.130, the Commission believes it is

necessary to investigate Timberline Village's books, accounts, practices and activities; to make a valuation or appraisal of Timberline Village's property; and to investigate and appraise various phases of Timberline Village's operations.

- 10 (7) As required by RCW 80.04.130 (2), Timberline Village bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just and reasonable.
- 11 (8) Timberline Village may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80.20 RCW.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) The tariff revisions filed on March 31, 2003, are suspended.
- 13 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 14 (3) Timberline Village Water Company, Inc., must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.
- 15 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of Timberline Village Water Company, Inc.,'s books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations as described above.

- 16 (5) Timberline Village Water Company, Inc., shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation to the extent the requirements for such payment are in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80.20 RCW.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 30th day of April 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner