

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET UW-061283
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ROCHE HARBOR WATER)	ORDER 01
SYSTEM, INC.,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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For Less Than Required Notice in)	ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
Connection with Contract)	REQUIRED NOTICE
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 8, 2006, Roche Harbor Water System, Inc, (Roche Harbor Water or the Company) filed with the Commission a contract to provide water service to the White Point Annex via Armadale water line replacement. This contract provides for the White Point Annex to install about 6,860 feet of main along with nine fire hydrants. To provide water service to this area the Armadale four inch main will be replaced with about 1,200 feet of eight inch main along with three fire hydrants. This contract also provides for a ten-year late-comer payment.

- 2 WAC 480-80-143 requires thirty days' notice prior to the effective date of the contract. The Company requests an earlier effective date of August 17, 2006, as authorized in WAC 480-80-143. The earlier request for approval is due to the contractors would like to begin work on August 15, 2006.

- 3 Since the proposed contract appears to be fair, just, and reasonable, and less than required notice is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the Commission grant Roche Harbor Water's request with an effective date of August 17, 2006.

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, Chapter 80.28 RCW, Chapter 80.08 RCW and Chapter 80.12 RCW.*

- 5 (2) Roche Harbor Water is a water company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 (3) Roche Harbor Water is subject to the provisions of WAC 480-80-143 requiring water companies to file contracts for any rate or charge with thirty days' notice, however, for good cause shown the Commission may allow changes without requiring thirty days' notice.
- 7 (4) Staff has reviewed the request in Docket UW-061283 and recommended the less than required notice request of Roche Harbor Water be granted.
- 8 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 16, 2006.
- 9 (6) After examination of the proposed contract filed by Roche Harbor Water on August 8, 2006, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed contract should become effective August 17, 2006.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The request sought by Roche Harbor Water System, Inc., for less than required notice is granted.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective August 16, 2006.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary