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Docket: UW-080440
Company Name: Marbello Water Co., Inc.

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Recommendation

Take no action on this filing at this time to allow for customer comments.

Discussion

On March 6, 2008, Marbello Water Co., Inc., (Marbello or company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) tariff revisions that would increase the rate for water usage from \$2.90 per 100 cubic feet to \$2.97 per 100 cubic feet. The filing is prompted by the City of Monroe raising its municipal utility tax for water usage from 7.5 percent to 10 percent, effective January 1, 2008. Marbello serves 105 customers near the City of Monroe, located in Snohomish County.

Today's presentation allows customers or other parties to make comments to the commission. No action is required by the commission. Staff will make its recommendation to the commission at the open meeting on March 27, 2008. All customers receive metered service. Marbello's last general rate increase became effective May 1, 2007.

Because the change has been in effect since January 1, 2008, and the company is paying the higher utility tax, the company asks the commission to approve the change to become effective April 1, 2008, on less than statutory notice, to coincide with the company's billing cycle. Marbello notified its customers of the rate increase by mail on March 7, 2008. The commission has received no customer comments on this filing as of March 10, 2008.

Rate Comparison

Monthly Rate	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Water Usage per 100 cubic feet plus utility taxes	\$2.90	\$2.97

A customer who uses 1,000 cubic feet of water would pay \$.70 more, an increase from \$59.00 to \$59.70 (1.2%).

Commission staff has not yet completed its review of Marbello's supporting financial documents, books and records.

Conclusion

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