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Docket: UW-120815
Company Name: Crown West Realty, LLC dba Spokane Business and Industrial Park

Staff: Jim Ward, Regulatory Analyst
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Recommendation

Take no action, allowing the rates filed by Crown West Realty, LLC dba Spokane Business and Industrial Park, on May 30, 2012, in Docket UW-120815 to become effective on July 1, 2012, by operation of law.

Discussion

On May 30, 2012, Crown West Realty, LLC dba Spokane Business and Industrial Park (company) filed with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (commission) tariff revisions that would generate \$18,057 (15 percent) additional annual revenue. The proposed effective date is July 1, 2012. The company serves 235 customers near Spokane Valley in Spokane County. The company's last rate case became effective on June 1, 1999.

This filing establishes rates that provide a separate base charge for each size meter and reduces the water usage allowance included in the base charge. The company proposes to continue using a water usage allowance with the base charge and will lower the water usage allowance with each subsequent rate filing. The company will also review its declining block usage rate to help promote conservation.

Customer Comments

On May 29, 2012, the company notified its customers of the proposed rate increase by mail. The commission received no comments.

Rate Comparison

Monthly Rate	Current Rate	Company Proposed	Staff Revised
Base Rate, 5/8- Inch Meter	\$12.20	\$14.64	\$12.20
Allowance With Base Charge CF*	900	800	800
Up To 125,000 CF, Per CCF**	\$.4750	\$.5225	\$.5225
125,001 - 200,000 CF, Per CCF	\$.3750	\$.4125	\$.4125
200,001 CF And Above, Per CCF	\$.2750	\$.3025	\$.3025

* CF – Cubic Feet,

** CCF - 100 Cubic Feet,

*** Other upsized meter rates are also changed and available in the proposed tariff.

Monthly Rate	Current Rate	Company Proposed	Staff Revised
Base Rate, 3/4- Inch Meter	\$12.20	\$14.64	\$13.42
Allowance With Base Charge CF	900	800	800
Up To 125,000 CF, Per CCF	\$.4750	\$.5225	\$.5225
125,001 - 200,000 CF, Per CCF	\$.3750	\$.4125	\$.4125
200,001 CF And Above, Per CCF	\$.2750	\$.3025	\$.3025
Base Rate, 1-Inch Meter ***	\$12.20	\$14.64	\$14.64
Allowance With Base Charge CF	900	800	800
Up To 125,000 CF, Per CCF	\$.4750	\$.5225	\$.5225
125,001 - 200,000 CF, Per CCF	\$.3750	\$.4125	\$.4125
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Monthly Bill Comparison

Monthly	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Revised Rate
1-Inch Metered Service Base	\$12.20	\$14.64	\$14.64
Average Usage – 6,209 Cubic Feet	\$25.22	\$28.26	\$28.26
Water Bill Total	\$37.42	\$42.90	\$42.90
Increase From Current Rate - \$5.48		14.7%	14.7%

Commission staff has completed its review of the company's supporting financial documents, books and records. Staff's review shows that the operating expenses are reasonable and required as part of the company's operation. The company's financial information supports the revised revenue requirement and the proposed rates and charges are fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient.

Conclusion

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