

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UW-121904
TRANSPORTATION)	
COMMISSION,)	ORDER 01
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	
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EASTWOOD PARK WATER CO.,)	
)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
Respondent.)	SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISION
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 30, 2012, Eastwood Park Water Co., (Eastwood Park or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as Second Revision Sheet No. 22 Canceling First Revision Sheet No. 22. The Company serves 86 customers near Spanaway in Pierce County. The proposed effective date is January 1, 2013. The Company’s last rate increase was effective on April 1, 2008.

- 2 In this filing, Eastwood Park would increase charges and rates that would generate approximately \$10,320 (29 percent) additional annual revenue. Because those increases might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and Eastwood Park has not demonstrated that the increases would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings, if necessary, to determine whether the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (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, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including water companies.
[RCW 80.01.040](#), RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.

- 4 (2) Eastwood Park is a water company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 5 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 27, 2012.
- 6 (4) The tariff revisions Eastwood Park filed on November 30, 2012, would increase charges and rates for service provided by Eastwood Park, and might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public.
- 7 (5) Eastwood Park has not yet demonstrated that the tariff revision would result in rates that are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 8 (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 Eastwood Park's books, accounts, practices and activities; to make a valuation or appraisal of Eastwood Park's property; and to investigate and appraise various phases of Eastwood Park's operations.
- 9 (7) As required by RCW 80.04.130(4), Eastwood Park bears the burden of proof to show that the proposed increases are fair, just, reasonable and sufficient.
- 10 (8) Eastwood Park may be required to pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to such an investigation, consistent with RCW 80.20.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The tariff revisions filed by Eastwood Park Water Co. on November 30, 2012, are suspended.
- 12 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 13 (3) Eastwood Park Water Co. must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.

- 14 (4) The Commission will institute an investigation of Eastwood Park Water Co.'s books, accounts, practices, activities, property and operations as described above.
- 15 (5) Eastwood Park Water Co. shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the Commission's investigation, consistent with RCW 80.20.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 27, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFFREY D. GOLTZ, Chairman

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner