

Solmar Water System, Inc.

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Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Subject: UW-180179 Solmar Water System, Inc. – General Rate Filing Cancellation Request

Dear Mr. King:

After a thorough review by UTC staff, a rate increase at this time would have minimal value. I have found this review extremely useful though I still have a number of workbook questions.

Department of Health has recommended a number of improvements including corrosion control treatment, emergency backup source improvements, potential minimum distribution pressure mitigation and source meter accuracy. These items in addition to increasing expense of insurance, utilities, taxes and parts will make it necessary for a rate increase in early 2019.

Unfortunately, this cancellation prevents the removal of Schedule 8, Cross Connection Control, Non-Response Options a. Site Visit from our tariff. I would like the UTC to consider changing the language in your general tariff. This option puts the burden and liability of identifying the customer's cross connection hazards on the operator. Most high hazards as listed under table 9 of WAC 246-290-490 are out of site and are only identified by customer disclosure or complete access to their entire home, basement, outbuildings and private property. I would like you to consider the potential liability, lawsuits and death threats to the operator when this option is implemented. Customers should ultimately be responsible for their plumbing regardless of a site visit.

Cordially,



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