Agenda Date: March 12, 2004 Item Number: E16

Docket:UW-040435Industry:Water Annual Report

Staff: Jim Ward, Regulatory Analyst

Recommendation:

Issue an Order implementing simplified annual report for water companies subject to regulation by the Commission in Docket UW-040435.

Discussion:

RCW 80.04.080 requires that every public service company subject to regulation by the Commission shall annually furnish a report to the Commission. RCW 80.04.080 states that the annual report shall be in such form as the Commission may require.

Currently all water companies are required to file an annual report. Staff has reviewed the content and believes that for smaller companies a simpler report will provide the required information and ease any regulatory burden the smaller companies may have with regards to completing the standard annual report.

The Staff is recommending the Commission now implement a Simplified Class C Water Annul Report for water companies. This simplified annual report will provide needed information for the Commission to enable it to carry out the provision of this title. The Simplified Class C Water Annual Report will apply to regulated water companies that have less than 200 customers or less than \$450,000 gross operating revenues. Companies not meeting the criteria for filing a Simplified Class C Water Annual Report will still provide information in the regular Water Company Annual Report. A copy of this report is attached.

Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order implementing simplified annual report for water companies subject to regulation by the Commission in Docket UW-040435.